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HAINAN STRAITS MAY BE MINED.

SURRENDERED MEN.

A report from Hoihow states that General Tang Poon-yan has arrived at that port, leaving the command of Luichow to Generals Chan He-fung and Chang Ng-lau.

The city of Luichow is said to be strongly fortified and capable of holding for at least three months. This is considered one of the reasons why the Canton Army is not making a direct attack on the city, but favours a process of gradual investment. At the present there are three British gunboats at Hoihow, whilst an American man-of-war is also standing by.

It is reported that in view of the coming attack by the Canton Navy, Tang Poon-yan has given orders to have everything in readiness to lay mines in the Hainan Straits at a moment's notice, thus countermanding the previous order to immediately lay mines, which would cause much inconvenience to shipping.

APPOINTMENTS.

An official communique announces the appointment of Chan Chang-lok as Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and the Superintendent of Maritime Customs of Hoihow and Pakhoi. Both appointments to take effect concurrently.

It is stated that at a meeting of the Military Council in Canton, it was decided to place the garrison command in the North River sector in the hands of Chu Pui-tek, with Li Chai-sum in entire command of the south-west sector. An official announcement is expected to be issued soon.

LULL IN OPERATIONS.

Since the report of the fall of Linchow and Yumehow, there is again a lull in the military operations in southern Kwangtung, owing to the fact that the shifting of the 3rd Army Corps back to the North River sector at their original stations and the transportation of troops of the 4th Army Corps to fill the vacancies, are now being carried out. Apart from this, much extra work has been added to the many and arduous duties of the officers on active service, in the examination and re-enlistment of surrendered troops. A conservative estimate gives, in round numbers, a total of twenty thousand surrendered men. In view of the admixture of many elements in the different units which have surrendered, General Li Chai-sum, now the Field Marshal of the south-west sector, has given orders to his officers rigidly to carry out the examination of men fit for active service, and not to allow any men to be re-enlisted who are not found to be up to standard. Besides this, General Li has placed all the revenue-collecting centres of the southern sector under the control of the Canton Government in the same way as he did with those of the western sector. The unification of Kwangtung is therefore practically realised, inasmuch as both military and financial affairs are now centralised in the Canton Government.

FAMOUS LIBRARY.

AMERICAN RESTORATION WORK.

New York, Dec. 13.

The committee for the restoration of Louvain library, of which Mr. Herbert Hoover is chairman, announces the completion of a million dollar fund. Instructions have been cabled to resume the rebuilding of the library.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MERCHANTS' PARTY.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CANTON VISIT.

It is stated that the party of Hongkong Chinese merchants to visit Canton will be limited to two hundred and fifty, and that the list of names has been handed to Mr. Yeung Sai-ngam, who will now proceed to secure the necessary passes, enabling the visitors to return to Hongkong within two weeks.

It is also said that Messrs. Choy Chang, Wong, Lui and Leong, who have received special passes for two weeks' duration, have been busy making arrangements to pave the way for the coming conference.

The Strike Union is reported to have decided to issue one hundred passes daily to those who wish to come to Hongkong whilst the Canton Government has established at the Waichow Guild a Bureau of Inquiry to give information to the Hongkong visitors in connection with Government affairs, which are not clearly understood. It is emphasised that personal inquiries will be welcomed at the Bureau, while letters of inquiry will be replied to in fullest detail. The party will probably leave for Canton at the end of this week.

CANTON AND HUNAN.

NO EXPEDITION AT PRESENT.

It is reported from Canton that at a meeting of the Military Council, General Tan Yen-kai proposed to send an expeditionary force to join hands with Tong Sang-cho, who controls the south-western part of Hunan, in order to make a direct attack on Chang-sha and drive out Chao Heng-te from power, thus unifying the province of Hunan. Tan Yen-kai is said to have contended that the time is ripe for such a move, so that the Canton Government may be in touch with Fung Yu-hsiang and keep an eye on any designs on Kwangsi by Wu Pei-fu. After a prolonged discussion, the Council is said to have come to the decision that such an expedition could not be undertaken until the south and west sectors are cleared of the rebellious elements.

MONEY-LENDING CASE.

RECEIPTS WHICH WERE NOT STAMPED.

In the course of an Indian money-lending case which was heard before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court this morning, it transpired that the defendant's receipts for payments on account had not been stamped, and his Lordship mentioned that he was furnishing the Colonial Treasurer with the facts of the case for the purpose of allowing him to take whatever action he thought fit.

Mr. MacCallum, appeared for the defendant, and, after some discussion, he consented to judgment for \$220 and costs, the figure being approximately double the amount defendant actually received in cash. An order for instalments of \$20 a month was made.

FRENCH FINANCES.

COUNTRYWIDE UNEASINESS.

London, Dec. 13.

The uneasiness in France owing to the fall of the Franc is reflected not only in *Le Matin's* support of the suggestion for the formation of a Committee of Public Safety to steer the country through the present crisis, but in signs that France will possibly follow the example of Italy by raising voluntary subscriptions. There are indications that the peasants and workmen of France are willing to save the franc even at a personal sacrifice provided that someone will undertake to organise the machinery. The newspapers are being asked to open subscription lists for this purpose.—*Reuter.*

NO OIL.

A.P.C. WITHDRAW FROM WUCHOW.

SERIOUS OUTLOOK.

We are in receipt of mail news from our own correspondent at Wuchow which states that on Thursday last the Asiatic Petroleum Company closed down its offices and installation, presumably as a protest against the oil monopoly which has been conducted by the military authorities. Seven or eight A.P.C. lighters, loaded with the remaining stock of kerosene and crude oil, together with the Company's motor boats, left port at about noon on Thursday, accompanied by H. M. S. Cicada as a convey, and, in consequence, Wuchow is left stranded with scarcely any oil.

Our correspondent explains that there have been many weeks of negotiation between the Asiatic Petroleum Company and the Government over the question of the oil monopoly. The merchants have repeatedly petitioned the Government for the cancellation of the monopoly but without result. When the monopoly was instituted, the A. P. C. agreed to sell to General Wong Shiu-hung crude oil in large quantities and after that arrangement the motor boat owners—the largest consumers of oil—could not apply direct to the A.P.C. for delivery in the usual way, but had to get an A. P. C. delivery form "chopped" by one of Gen. Wong's bureaux, and it was not until the form had been so "chopped" that the A. P. C. manager would counter-sign it. In addition to this, the strike Union has collected anything from \$10 to \$15 on every ton of oil taken delivery of, and it is quite openly stated that the Wuchow Electric Light Company had to make their purchases of oil through Gen. Wong.

But the arrangement between the A. P. C. and General Wong, has apparently been broken off, because the Company has now withdrawn its stocks and closed its offices. River traffic is suffering enormously. There are over 30 motor boats plying between Wuchow and Nanning and Luichow, and as 90 per cent. of these use crude oil the withdrawal of supplies will force them into idleness. The boats plying between Nanning and Posh and Lungchow must also tie up. Practically all the trade with the upper ports will be cut off. General Wong Shiu-hung is, himself at present in Nanning and it is his subordinates with whom the A. P. C. has been unable to keep in agreement.

The vernacular newspaper here, reporting on the A. P. C.'s action says that the Oil Monopoly Bureau has made a contract with a Chinese firm, whose head offices are in Hongkong, for the early delivery of kerosene at \$7 per case which the Bureau will retail at \$3.50 per case. The oil is supposedly coming from Shanghai.

ITALIAN PATRIOTS.

SUBSCRIBE TO NATIONAL DEBT.

Rome, Dec. 13.

Voluntary subscriptions raised by Italians to pay the debt to America have passed 90,000,000 lire.—*Reuter.*

ARBITRATION LAW.

Paris, Dec. 13.

The Chamber, by 262 votes to 9, has adopted the law for compulsory arbitration.—*Reuter.*

ON PIRATES' TRAIL.

BRITISH CRUISERS TAKE UP CHASE.

NATIVE PHOW LOOTED.

Bombay, Dec. 13.

The British cruisers Colombo and Cochin, on the trail of pirates who looted a native phow a few days ago. This is the first case of piracy in these waters within living memory.

The warships are receiving wireless messages from the Naval Intelligence Officer at Colombo.—*Reuter.*

[The above message refers to the report of a piracy made by the captain of the German steamer Nordmark on arriving at Colombo a few days ago. The Captain stated that when four hours out of Cochin, he saw two vessels, one of which appeared to be frantically in distress and signalling. The other speeded off when he approached. The crew of the first vessel stated that they had been attacked by pirates, and were terrified. They anxiously sought safe escort to Cochin. The German crew stated that the pirate vessel was a smart craft of British design.]

SERVANTS' CLAIM.

KOWLOON LADY SUMMONED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, a coolie and a wash amah claimed a month's wages from Mrs. E. McKim, of Humphreys' flats.

Chung Luk, the coolie stated that he and the amah were dismissed by the defendant on November 27, prior to her leaving the premises to live at a hotel. Witness was informed to apply at No. 3, Hankow Road for his salary, but when he called the defendant refused to pay the servants, saying that she had not the ready money with her. He had not been given notice to leave at the beginning of the month.

In reply to questions asked by the defendant, witness denied that he had been given \$20 and told, through the interpretation of Mr. Mackintosh's houseboy, that his services would be dispensed with from November 26.

The amah gave corroborative evidence.

Mrs. McKim said the two servants were engaged during the strike and on November 15th, witness decided to leave the house. On the 23rd, the complainants were told that they would not be wanted after the 26th. The coolie had been given \$20 and the amah \$10.

The case was adjourned for Mr. Mackintosh's boy to be called.

THE NEW SHAH.

FROM PRIVATE TO ARMY COMMANDER.

London, Dec. 13.

The new Shah of Persia, Reza Khan, at forty-nine has had a remarkable career. He was born of a middle-class family, and entered the army as a private at the age of fifteen, rising to be one of the senior officers in the Cossack division by 1921, when he marched on and captured Tehran.

He became Commander-in-Chief and War Minister, and assumed the premiership in 1923, when he decided to establish a Republic, but was opposed by the clergy, whose support he has now apparently gained. He proceeded to subjugate the insurgent tribes, from whom he exacted taxes for the first time in half a century. He also dismissed all the foreign army instructors, but engaged foreigners to reorganise the legal, postal and financial systems. Reza Khan became head of the provisional government on the recent deposition of the late Shah.—*Reuter.*

TRAIN OUTRAGE.

FOREIGN PASSENGERS TAKE REFUGE.

LEGATION PROTEST.

Peking, Dec. 13.

With regard to the international train which was caught in the battle at Yangtsun, and which was reported earlier, the passengers, including women and children, had to take refuge under the carriages. On board the train were nine Britishers, including Colonel and Mrs. Haslehurst; twenty Americans, some prominent Japanese and also four League of Nations Commissioners who are visiting Manchuria in connection with plague prevention.

It appears that a Kuominchun armoured train followed the international train to Yangtsun where it landed a thousand infantry, while artillery began shelling Gen. Li Ching-lin's forces across the river.

The Legations have vigorously protested against this breach of the Boxer Protocol. It is understood that arrangements are being made to despatch a relief train from Tientsin.

The Japanese on board the train include Mr. Mochizuki, the leader of the Kenseikai party and Mr. Inouye, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Navy.—*Reuter.*

NEWCHWANG INVESTED.

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

An Asahi message from Mukden states that Gen. Kuo Sung-ling's forces have entered Newchwang without fighting. Japanese police have been despatched for the protection of residents.—*Reuter.*

MANILA DEATH SENTENCE.

APPROVED BY PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

It will be recalled that a sensation was caused in Manila some months ago, when an army officer in the U. S. service, Lieut. J. Thompson, shot a young girl who apparently refused his offer of marriage. Lieut. Thompson was subsequently court-martialled and sentenced to death. The Manila Bulletin of December 10th reports:

The Bulletin learns from what it considers unimpeachable sources that the court-martial sentence of hanging for Lieutenant John S. Thompson, murderer of 16-year-old Audrey Burleigh, has been approved by President Coolidge and that the sentence will be carried out at Fort McKinley soon.

The findings, with the presidential o.k., are understood to have been received here from the war department at Washington on the last mail. Official confirmation of the foregoing so far has been refused, however.

The guard kept over Lieutenant Thompson at Fort McKinley, where he has been incarcerated since the night of April 5, when the fatal shooting took place, has been strengthened since receipt of the papers from Washington. Lieutenant Thompson underwent a severe physical and mental examination Tuesday morning at the Fort McKinley hospital, which lasted nearly three hours. He also was quarantined alone nearly an hour with one of the ranking officers of McKinley post, discussing his sentence and it is reported the death sentence.

CUBICLE DISPUTE.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE FAILS.

A Chinese lumber merchant was the plaintiff in an action for damage to property heard before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court this morning.

The plaintiff claimed that whilst he was away in the country, some of his property was taken from a cubicle which he rented from the defendant. He stated that the landlord was left in charge.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence, and he stated that when plaintiff went away he left a man in charge of the cubicle. This man also left, and he handed the key over to a woman, who took possession of the cubicle. The only time he had entered the cubicle was in response to an order from the Sanitary Board who had ordered him to make the cubicle larger. He lengthened the partition and during the course of the work a small glass was broken. This was replaced.

His Lordship non-suited the plaintiff after hearing the evidence.

SYRIAN UNREST.

M. DE JOUVENEL'S HEAD IN DANGER.

Beirut, Dec. 13.

In a speech at a banquet in his honour, given at Aleppo, M. De Jouvenel said that Syria was calm except for the districts of Damascus and Jebel Druze, where the minority warring was not against France but against Syria. Since his arrival at Aleppo he had heard persistent demands for the separation of Aleppo from Damascus. This was the result of the fratricidal war.

Hassan Kharrat, the Moslem bandit leader operating in the Chagour quarter of Damascus, has sent a letter to a local paper stating that he has detailed forty men to cut off M. De Jouvenel's head, adding: "Here is our reply to his speeches."—*Reuter.*

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

A COOLIE KILLED.

A fatal accident occurred on the Tsun Wan Road near its junction with Laihekok Road yesterday, when an earth coolie was knocked down by a motor car, receiving serious injuries which led to his death at the Kwong Wah Hospital, where he was taken after the accident.

In connection with the accident, the driver of the car has reported to the police that it occurred while he was driving from Yaumati to Kam Tin village. The man endeavoured to cross the road in front of the approaching car, but hesitated when he was half way across and started to run back. Before he could get clear he was caught by the right front wheel of the car and knocked down. Injuries were caused to his head and body. The victim was then taken in the car back to Yaumati, where he was admitted into the Kwong Wah Hospital. He died some hours later.

OTHER ACCIDENTS.

Near the Wanchai Market, at Queen's Road East, an East Point Garage car knocked down a little Chinese girl. She did not appear to be much injured, for she immediately got up again and ran away. While depositing a fare, at the Star Ferry Wharf on Saturday morning, a ricksha was run into by a motor car from behind, and the passenger, an European lady, was thrown to the ground, sustaining a fracture of the neck.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL FIRE.

OUTBREAK IN MODERN BUILDING.

\$5,000 DAMAGE.

Shortly after midnight, a fire broke out at No. 86 First Street, in a three-storied concrete structure of recent construction. As was the case in the disastrous outbreak of last week, the fire commenced in a store of tea-leaves, probably from a lighted cigarette stub, carelessly thrown by a foki, and soon worked itself up into a fair blaze. The proprietor of the store, who, with his foki, slept in the premises, has stated that they were taken entirely unawares, and probably would have burnt to death had they not been awakened by the uproar and heat. They quickly got down to the street and gave the alarm. A few minutes later, appliances were brought from the three fire stations on the island, and these got to work with the conflagration which by now had set the top storey well alight.

Compared with previous cases, the task which the fire-fighters were called upon to perform was relatively easy, as the building involved was one structurally designed to resist fire. As one member of the Brigade remarked, it was a relief to find that the house had not burnt up like a bonfire by the time they were enabled to get on the scene, and that there was still left the means, not always available in the usual type of Chinese house in Hongkong, of going up the staircase and fighting the fire at the closest possible quarters. Whereas in most cases operations had to be directed at a respectable distance outside the house, the firemen in the present instance were able to run a hose up the stairs on the third floor where the fire originated, and, pressure being satisfactory, the flames were soon stifled by the heavy volume of water brought into play. Within less than twenty minutes, the fire was got under control and the "stop" signal was shortly afterwards sent out.

The damage was confined to the third floor, where all the contents, which comprised for the most part stocks of tea, were destroyed. The loss is covered by insurance in a sum of \$5,000. The ground floor was used as an eating house, while the floor in between the two storeys was occupied as dwelling quarters. The eating house received very little damage, and was able to carry on business as usual this morning.

OBITUARY.

EX-PREMIER MAURA.

Madrid, Dec. 13.

The death has occurred of the former Premier, Senor Maura.—*Reuter.*

Senor Antonio Maura had a short term as the Prime Minister of a Spanish Cabinet which he formed on the fall of Premier Alendalazar, due to reverses suffered by the Spanish forces in the Moroccan campaign.—*Reuter.*

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SHANGHAI POLICE RAID.

AMERICAN IN CUSTODY.

Roulette Outfit Seized.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 12. The French police have carried out a raid ostensibly at the private residence of Mr. Edward Beardsley, a well-known American clubman and shipping man at 19 Avenue Edward, and seized a complete roulette layout-wheel, chips and \$1,400. Beardsley has been turned over to the American authorities, to face charges, on \$100 (gold) bail.

SHANGHAI LADY COMMITS SUICIDE.

FOUR YEARS ON AMERICAN CONSULATE STAFF.

Suffering From Melancholia.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 13. Mrs. Alice Bowen of San Francisco and Honolulu, who has for four years been on the American Consulate staff and is socially well-known and popular, committed suicide, by poisoning, at the Astor House, where she resided, leaving letters explaining that she suffered from melancholia.

MANILA AFFRAY.

MOROS V. POLICE.

Seventeen Outlaws Killed.

Manila, Dec. 12. Seventeen Moros and outlaws have been killed and five of the constabulary injured as a result of outlaws resisting the Constabulary's attempt to arrest the murderers of a Filipino school teacher. —Reuter.

FANLING DRAG HUNT.

INTERESTING WEEK-END SPORT.

Saturday's meet of the Fanling Drag Hunt was at Fanling cross roads. Starting off in a very hot sun at 3.30 the direction lay through Sheung Shui, finally arriving at Ta Ku Ling at 4.15. From there a drag was laid to Kwanti. The hounds were laid on at 4.30, and in spite of the hot sun ran very fast for about three miles, "killing" close to the "hut" at Kwanti.

The feature of the hunt was the running of the old dog hound "Ranter" from Sir Walwyn Wynne's kennel. He ran the whole line and practically led the pack, only dwelling twice, not sufficiently long to call either a check. The pace was very fast right through, and there was one bad spill in which the villagers assisted in pulling a pony out of a ditch. Luckily neither rider nor horse were any the worse.

On Sunday the hunt ran a drag to behind the seventh green of the Fanling golf course. There a civet was found, which provided about 20 minutes sport, eventually being lost in a thick ravine after "Janitor," who was leading, had rolled him over.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

ENJOYABLE CLOSING DAY.

An Interesting Presentation.

There was a large attendance of members and friends at the At Home of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday, the function marking the close of the bowls season.

The afternoon was very enjoyable and great interest was shown in the bowls match between teams chosen by the President, Mr. P. T. Farrell, and the Vice-President, Mr. J. S. McIntosh, and in the tennis which was carried on throughout the afternoon. Tea was served on the lawn beneath the Club house.

The bowls match resulted in a win for the President's team by 101 points to 66. At the close of play the prizes won during the year were presented to the successful competitors by Miss Farrell.

Mr. Farrell, in introducing Miss Farrell, commented on the successful season the Club had enjoyed. They had had a wonderful day to mark the close of the season and he was pleased the President's team had won.

Membership Growing.

The Club was becoming more popular than ever and every year their membership was growing. The members who had won prizes had not got them easily; they had had to fight hard for them. In the League the Club had secured third place and, seeing that they had a number of young players in the team, this was very creditable. Next year they hoped to see some of the older players returning and then they trusted to have a still more successful season.

Miss Farrell then presented the prizes as detailed below, including silver spoons and forks for the members of the President's team. Afterwards Mr. B. Wylie, the Hon. Secretary, asked Miss Farrell to accept a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums in a silver holder.

The Late Mr. A. G. Stephen.

Opportunity was taken by Mr. D. Gow, the President of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, to present to the Club the bowls of the late Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen. Mr. Gow said it was his pleasant duty to hand over to the Club the mounted bowls of Mr. Stephen, who had been a President of the Association. Through the kindness of Mr. Stephen's widow, the bowls had been handed over to the Association to be used as the Association considered most fitting. Although Mr. Stephen did not play much, he was an ardent supporter of the game and contributed largely to its success in the Colony.

The Association had thought it fitting to perpetuate his memory by presenting the bowls, mounted, to one of the Clubs. The K.B.G.C. being the mother club of the Colony and Mr. Stephen being an honorary member of it, it had been decided to present them to that Club. They would make a handsome ornament and be a pleasant reminder of the late Mr. Stephen, and he had much pleasure in asking Mr. Farrell to accept them on behalf of the Club. (Applause).

Mr. Farrell said it gave him great pleasure to accept the bowls. The Club would cherish the memory of the late Mr. Stephen by placing the bowls in a prominent place in the Club house.

The Prize List.

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 President's Cup:—1, (presented by Mr. P. T. Farrell) C. Atkinson; 2, (presented by Mr. A. K. McDougall) W. M. Johnston; 3, (pre-

sented by Club) L. Guy.
 Handicap Singles:—1, (presented by Club) A. Gourlay; 2, (presented by Captain Ritchie) D. Gow; 3, (presented by Mr. B. Wylie) R. Hall.
 Handicap Pairs:—1, (presented by the late Mr. T. Neave) F. C. Goodman and G. Henderson; 2, (presented by Club) C. Atkinson and J. S. McIntosh.
 Vice-President's Cup:—1, (presented by Mr. J. S. McIntosh) R.

Duncan; 2, (presented by Mr. H. Nish) C. Atkinson; 3, (presented by Club) F. C. Goodman.
 Non-Prize Winners Cup:—1, (presented by Mr. C. W. Alexander) E. Hagger; 2, (presented by Mr. D. Gow) A. W. Hoy; 3, (presented by Mr. L. Guy) J. D. Thomson.
 The Spey Cup, (presented by Messrs. W. and A. Gibbey, through Messrs. A. S. Watson) was won by the Kowloon Bowling Club rink.

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Legal and Domestic Aid For Col. Mitchell.



Col. William D. Mitchell, the critic of the United States air services, has excellent help in his defence at the court martial trial at Washington, D. C. Col. Mitchell is shown defying the testimony of his superior officers while the two best helpers for his defence, Congressman Frank R. Reid of Illinois, left, and Mrs. William D. Mitchell, right, think out the moves to check-mate the testimony of the army prosecution.

Through a Chinese Gateway.



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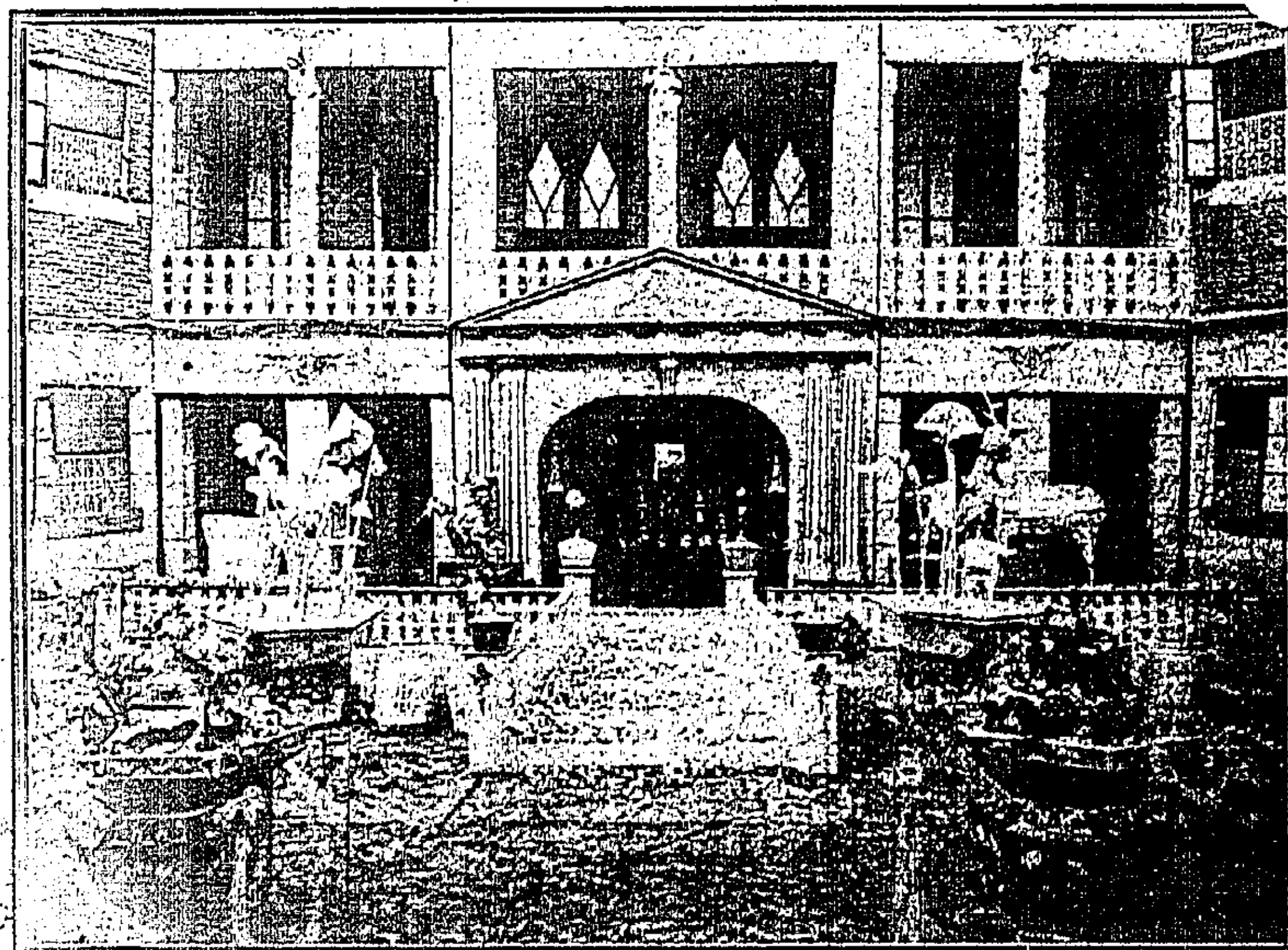
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The FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on **TUESDAY, 29th December, 1925**, at noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 14th to the 29th December, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918) LIMITED.

The SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on **Monday, the 21st December, 1925**, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 10th December, 1925, until Monday, the 21st December, 1925, both days inclusive.

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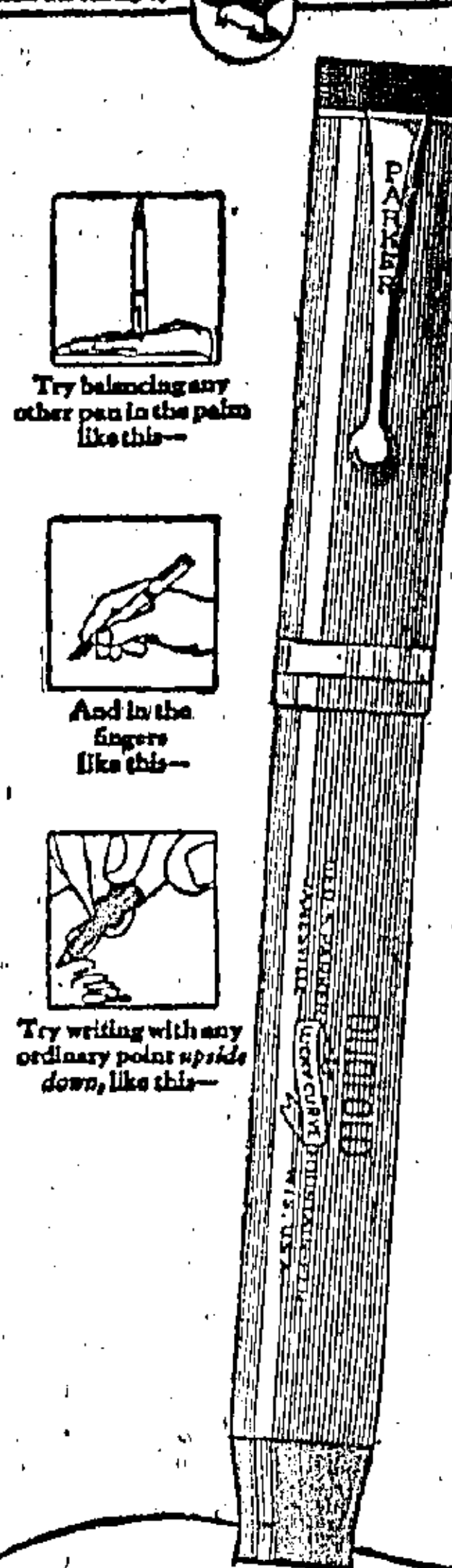
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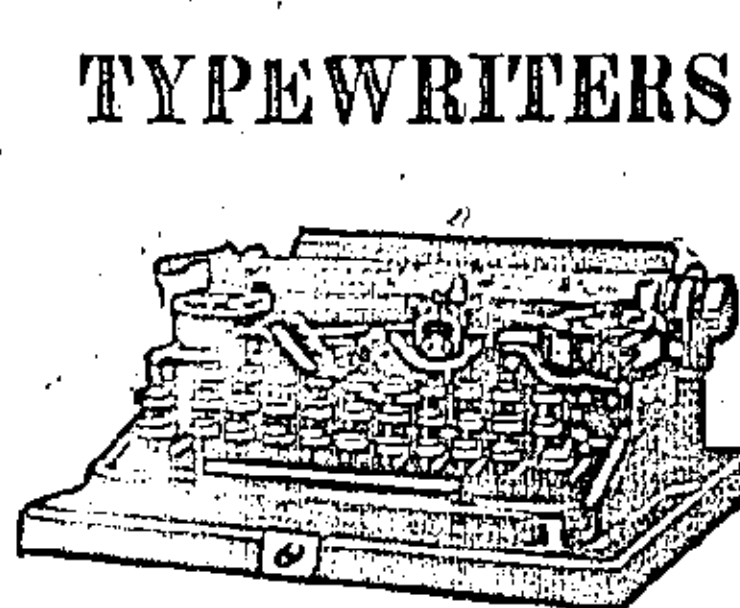
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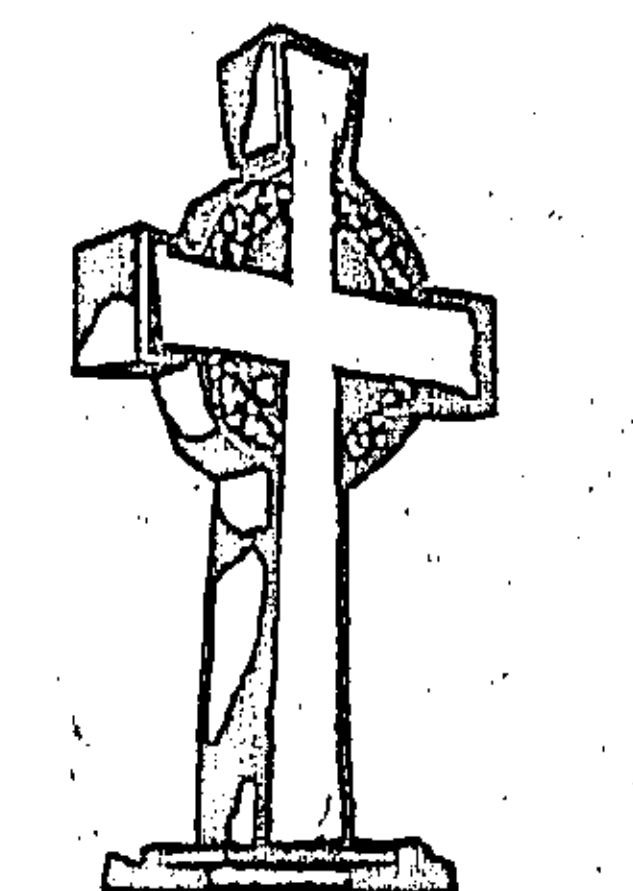
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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1,075 n.
 Chartered, £21 n.
 Mercantile A. and B., £29½ n.
 Mercantile C., £13½ n.
 P. and O., £9½ n.
 East Asia, \$85 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$600 n.
 China Underwriters, \$2.25 b.
 North China, Tls. 140 n.
 Unions, £251 b.
 Yangtze, \$35 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$160 n.
 Hongkong Fire, \$600 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$35 s.
 Steamboats, £23 n.
 Tugs, \$4½ n.
 Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.
 Shell Trans., 97/- b.
 Star Ferries, \$61 n.
 Waterboats, \$16 b.
 Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$31 n.
 Malabars, \$48 n.

Mining.

Bongquets, \$2 n.
 Kailas, 45/- n.
 Langkats, Tls. 34½ b.
 S'hai Explorations, Tls. 5.45 n.
 Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8 n.
 Raubs, \$7 s.
 Tronohs, 58/- n.
 Ural-Caspian, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharfs, \$130 n.
 Whampoa Docks, \$56 b.
 Hongkew, Tls. 165 b.
 New Engineerings, Tls. 7 b.
 Shanghai Docks, Tls. 115 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.10 sa.
 H.K. Lands, \$68½ n.
 Realty, \$6 n.
 Territorials, \$5½ b.
 Humphreys, \$14 b.
 Princes Bldg., \$150 n.
 Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.

Ewos, Tls. 10.40 s.
 Orientals, Tls. \$3.50 n.
 S'hai Cottons, Tls. 64 s.

Miscellaneous.

Canton Ice, \$7½ n.
 Cements, \$15.25 b.
 China Buses, Tls. 10½ b.
 China Lights, \$15½ n.
 China Prov., \$9 s.
 Constructions, \$1.90 b.
 Dairy Farms, \$19 s.
 Der A. Wing, \$10 n.
 Electric, \$53 b.
 Macao Electric, \$40 n.
 Developments, 30 cents, b.
 Ropes, \$40 s.
 Tramways, \$24½ s.
 Lane Crawfords, \$12½ b.
 Mackintosh, \$21½ n.
 Peak Trams, \$15½ b.
 Sinceros, \$11 s.
 Taxis, \$5 s.
 United Asbestos, \$20 n.
 Watsons (Old), \$15 s.
 Watsons (New), \$14 s.
 Powells, \$13 s.
 Amusements, \$10.40 sa.

PHILIPPINES STORMS.

ELEVEN DROWNED WHEN BOAT SINKS.

While no adverse effect of inclement weather has been felt in most parts of the archipelago, baby typhoons and heavy rains, playing havoc along the eastern part of Bicol provinces, not only caused heavy floods in Catanduanes and Albay proper, washing out 200 meters of Malinao-Tiwi road, but also sank a banca containing 13 passengers on the coast near Tabaco, according to various telegraphic reports received on Dec. 9th, states a Manila message.

With the exception of the survivors and one drowned, said to have been picked up on the coast, the fate of the other 10, including a postal messenger on mail route No. 566, remains uncertain, says the report. Rough seas made search impossible.

Dr. Samuel Craddock, who at the time of his retirement last year was the oldest coroner in England, has died at Bath, aged 91.

Coroner for North Somerset, he had held 6,000 inquests. He rose from a sick bed to attend the 6,000th, that on George W. Cooper, the Bristol man whose body was found buried at his villa at Brighthelm.

IN THE NEWS.



REZA KHAN.

Reuter's cables to-day record the appointment of Reza Khan, lately Persian Prime Minister, to be the new Shah, in place of the deposed head of the country. The new ruler has had a notable career, rising from private to Commander-in-Chief.



SENOR MAURA.

Another message reports the death of Senor Maura, who was at one time Premier of a short-lived Spanish Ministry.

THE "M. 1" FUND.

FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL.

Arranged by local lodges of the Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes, a fancy dress carnival was held in aid of the M.1 Disaster Fund at the Royal Naval Canton Theatre on Saturday night, which attracted no fewer than two hundred dancers. The hall was very strikingly decorated for the occasion, thanks to the efforts of the ship's company of H.M.S. Hawkins. There was a splendid programme of dances, for which excellent music was supplied by the jazz orchestra from H.M.S. Titania, the duties of M.C.'s being carried out by Messrs. Pinn and Pillage. Prizes were offered for the best costumes, and the awards were made during the interval

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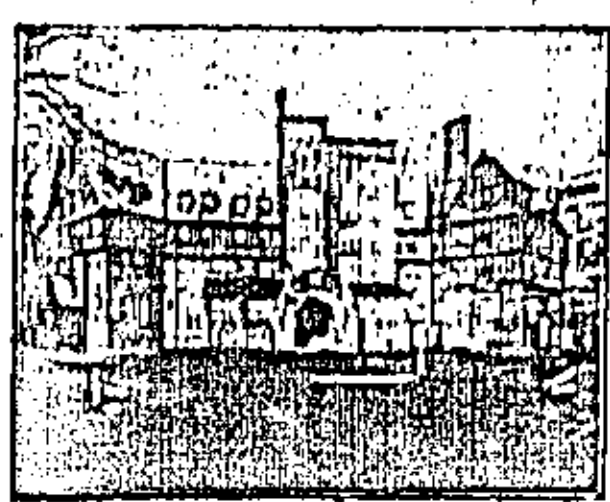
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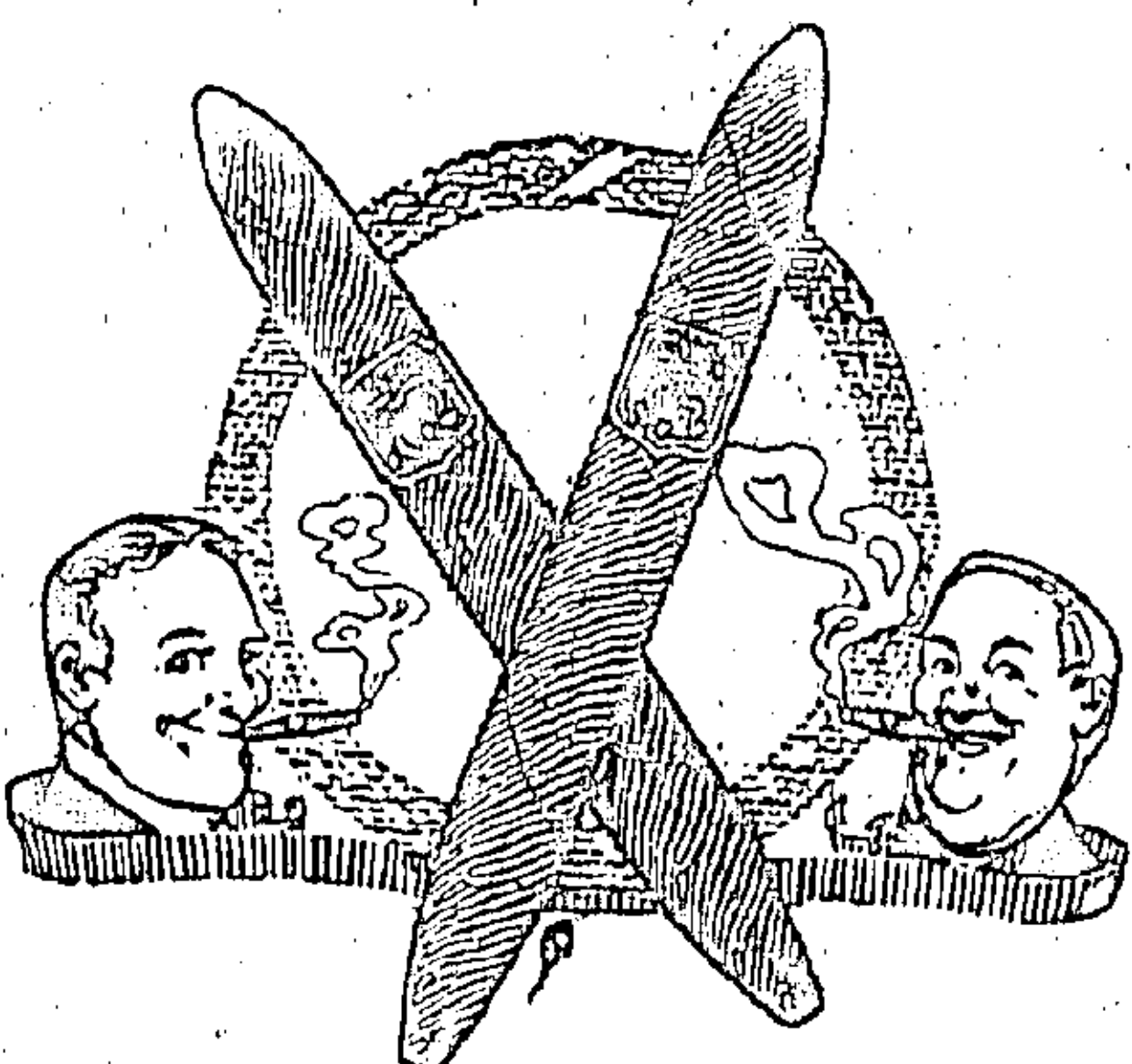
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A Double Ceremony.

An unusually interesting double wedding took place in the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, on Saturday afternoon. The brides were two of the ladies who arrived by the so-called Bride-ship, the s.s. Macedonia, on Friday morning. The bridegrooms are missionaries whose sphere of work is in Chao Tong-fu, Yunnan. The two are friends and some time ago arranged for their brides to travel to Hongkong together.

The ladies had the longest journey to reach the happy trysting place but their bridegrooms spent longer in getting from their remote mission station to Hongkong. Owing to the disturbed conditions a round-about route was necessary and they took exactly 37 days to get to the Colony from Yunnan. The first fifteen days were spent in chairs by an overland route to the Yang-tse. Having reached the river they went down to Shanghai by boat and travelled the rest of the way in reasonable comfort after a trying journey across the whole of China.

They arrived in Hongkong a week ago in time to meet their brides off the Macedonia and they were married at a double wedding on Saturday. The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers.

The Rev. W. Lindsay, M.A., officiated and among those present was the Bishop of Fokien.

Hudspeth-Ankers.

The first couple to be married were Miss Florence M. Ankers and the Rev. Capt. W. Hudspeth. Miss Ankers is the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Ankers and Mrs. Louisa Ankers of Liverpool and the bridegroom a son of the late Mr. J. W. Hudspeth of Willington, Durham.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. S. Hamer, was charmingly attired in ivory chiffon velvet with veil and orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and roses.

Miss Marie Clarke attended her as bridesmaid, she being dressed in blue taffeta with a wreath of flowers in her hair. She carried a basket of pink chrysanthemums and roses.

Mrs. W. H. Edmonds was matron of honour. She wore a dress of embroidered green georgette and carried yellow chrysanthemums.

Cottrell-Ford.

The second couple were Miss Marjorie Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ford of Redlands, Bristol, and the Rev. Fred Cottrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cottrell of Bristol.

The bride was given away by Mr. W. H. Edmonds. She was beautifully dressed in ivory crepe de chine with veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and roses. Miss Molly Brown was her bridesmaid. She wore a dress of blue taffeta with a floral wreath in her hair and carried a basket of pink chrysanthemums and roses.

Mrs. W. H. Edmonds, aunt of the bridegroom, was also matron of honour at the second ceremony. Both bridesmaids were presented with silver hand bags by the bridegrooms.

Mr. G. H. Piercy was at the organ and the hymns "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O Love Divine" were sung.

After the ceremony, at which there were numbers of friends present, a reception was held at

GOLF.

SEMI-FINALS OF FANLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

A. H. Ferguson Defeated.

Playing in the semi-finals of the Championship on the old course at Fanling yesterday, H. U. Ireland defeated A. H. Ferguson by 1 up, and W. Douglas beat R. M. Smith by 6 and 4.

The defeat of Ferguson was a great surprise, as it was generally anticipated that he would have little difficulty in winning the championship. Ireland, however, who has been playing excellent golf for the last few months, was in his best form and won on the last green after a ding-dong struggle.

Smith was not at all well, and to this fact can be chiefly accounted his heavy defeat.

Junior Section Championship.

The final in the Junior Section Championship was played at Happy Valley yesterday, over 36 holes. J. Stewart was opposed to J. Laing, and an interesting game was seen. Laing ran out an easy winner by 8 up and 7 to play.

He reached the final by beating Beardsall, last year's champion, in the second round, and got into the final by disposing of Morrison.

the house of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edmonds, where many people gathered to offer their felicitations to the happy couples.

The honeymoons are to be spent in making the return journey to Yunnan by way of Shanghai. Mrs. Cottrell's going away dress was a costume of Kasha and that of Mrs. Hudspeth an gabardine.

Strange-Harris.

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon when Miss Florence Mabel Harris was married to Mr. Charles Strange, Inspector, Sanitary Department.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. F. Harris and the late Mr. H. A. Harris, of the Hove, Brighton, and Nunhead. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Strange, of Westminster, London.

The Rev. T. B. Powell, officiated.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of Mr. H. E. Strange, by whom she was given away, was charmingly attired in a white silk dress with fur, heather and pearl trimmings, veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and silver brocade shoes. Her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums and pink roses.

The matron of honour was Mrs. H. E. Strange, who wore a dress of pink chiffon velvet with white feather trimmings and black picture hat.

The train bearers were Misses Dorothy Watson and Norma Blake who were prettily dressed in pale mauve georgette with hats to match.

The best man was Mr. J. Watson.

After a reception at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden, the bride and bridegroom left for Repulse Bay and they are to leave later for Macao. The bride's travelling dress was a grey gabardine costume, grey shoes and stockings to match, and small black hat with osprey trimmings.

The bridegroom's gift to the bride consisted of a miniature platinum wristlet watch with enamel chasings and that of the bride to the bridegroom of a camera and single stone diamond ring.

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Princess "Prosperity and Brightness."

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

This morning, with great ceremony, the Prince Regent's daughter was named Shigeo Terunomiya, typifying "prosperity and brightness." The whole country is holidaying and en fete, honouring "naming day."—Reuter.

PROPERTY SALE.

M. Y. SAN & CO. SELL BLOCK OF FOURTEEN HOUSES.

A large property deal has just been put through, the property being 14 houses belonging to M. Y. San & Co., seven being opposite the Central Market, three in Cochrane Street and four in Stanley Street.

The property was sold for the sum of \$585,000 to a wealthy Chinese in Singapore, through Messrs. Benjamin & Potts.

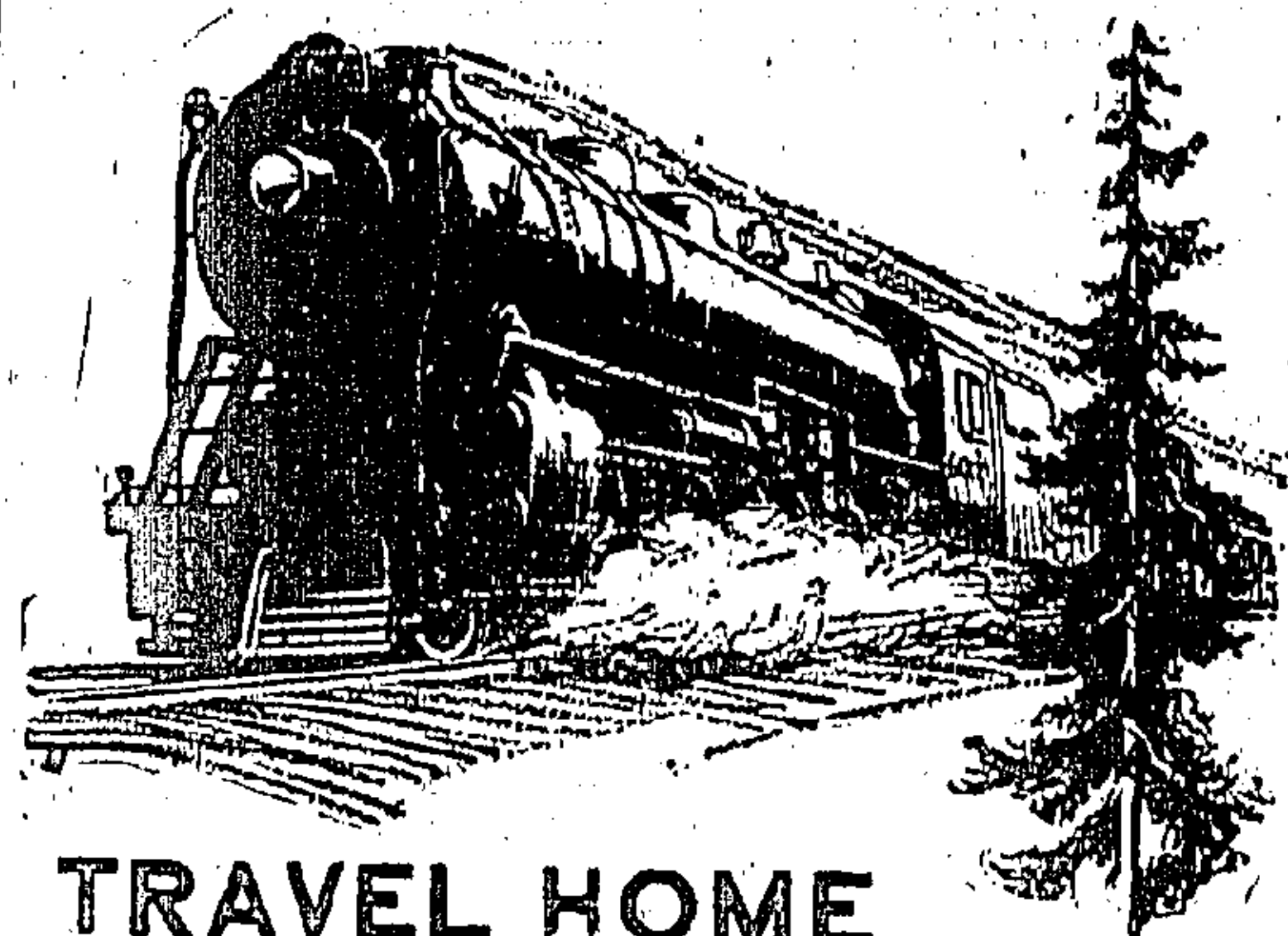
INTER-VARSITY RUNNING.

OXFORD DEFEATED.

London, Dec. 12.

At Roehampton, in the inter-Varsity cross country seven miles race, Cambridge beat Oxford by 23 points to 32.—Reuter.

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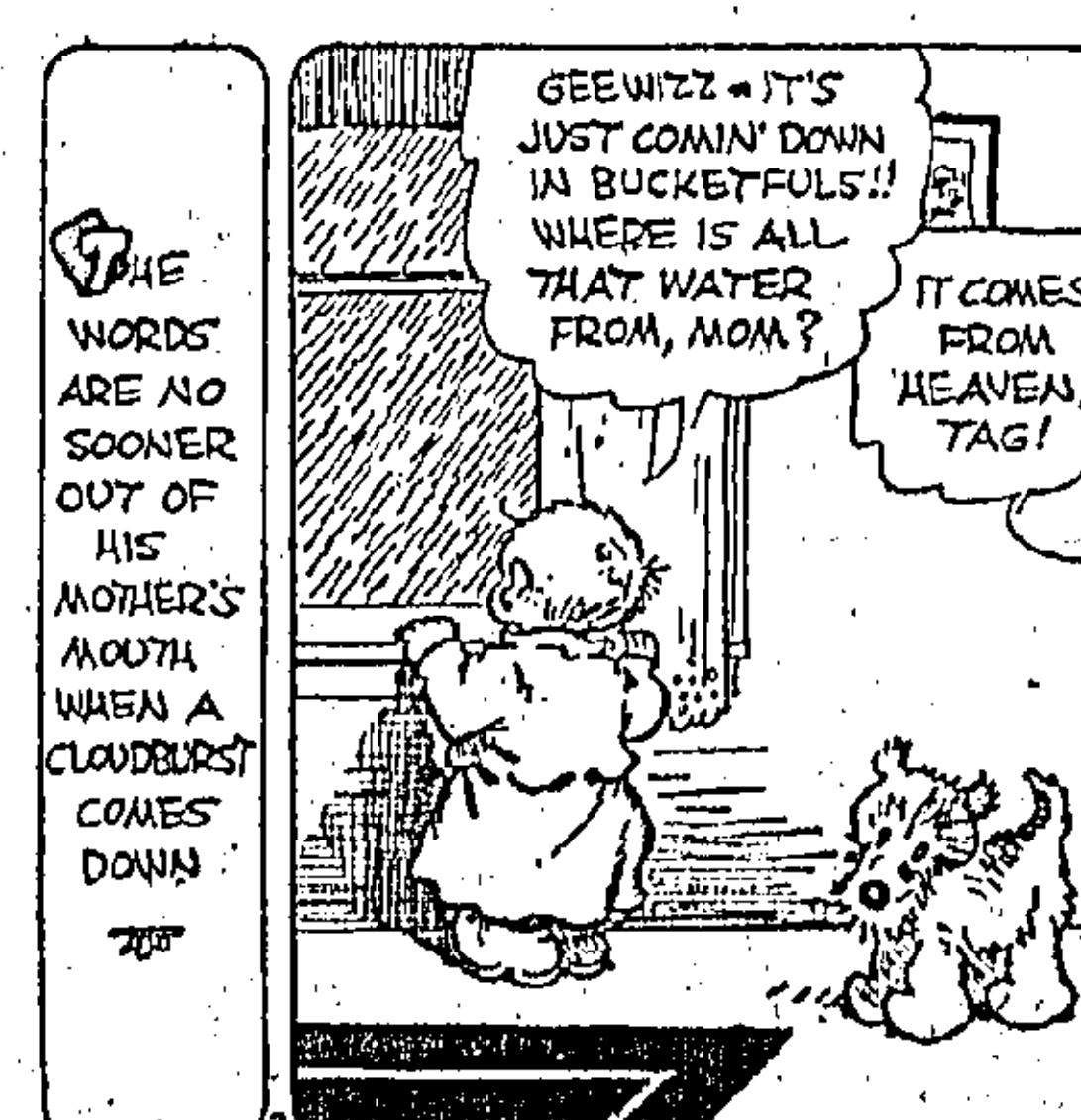
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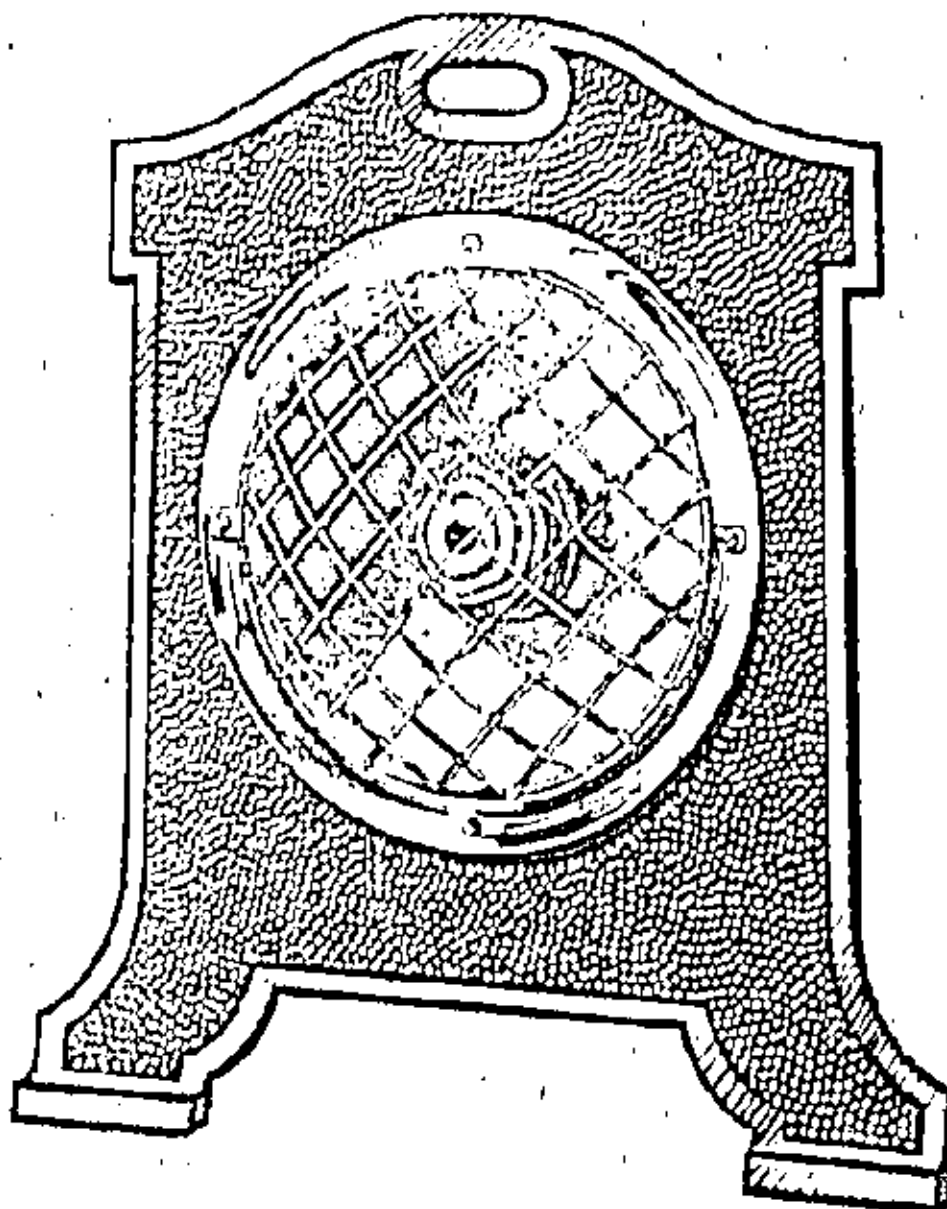
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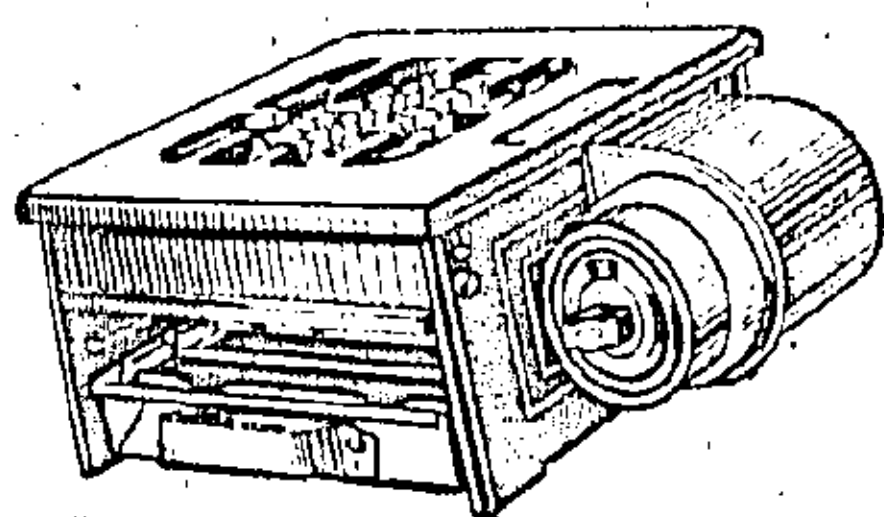
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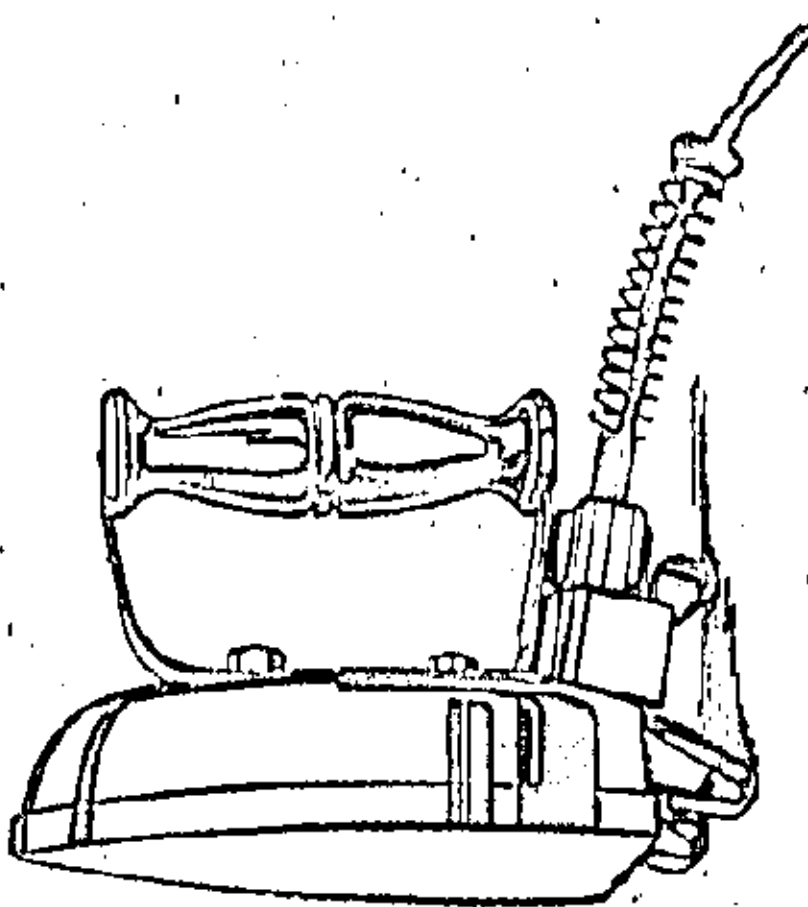


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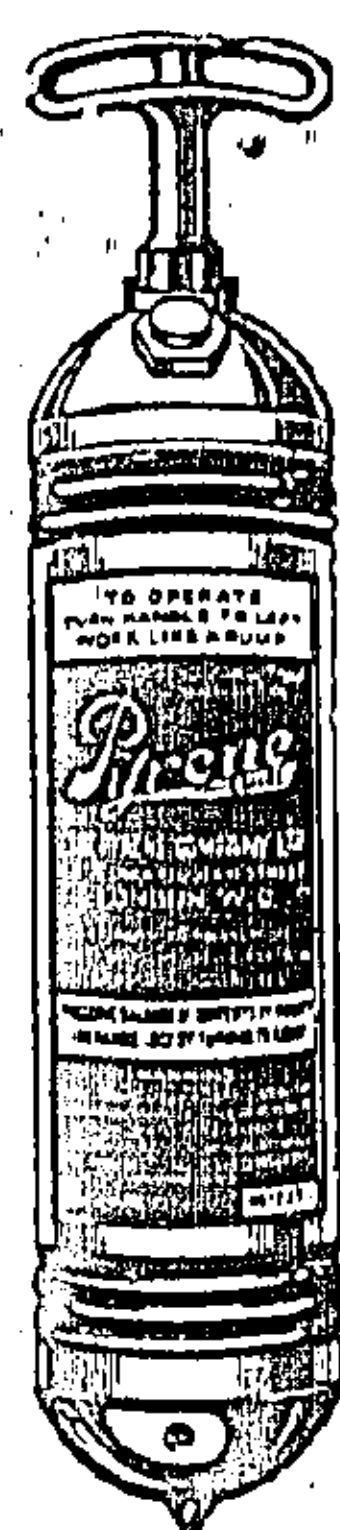
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The marriage between Mr. William Henry Peters and Miss Rose Margaret Shea will take place at the St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, December 19th, 1925, at 3.00 p.m. No cards are being issued but all relatives and friends are cordially invited to be present, and afterwards at the bride's house, No. 7 Seymour Terrace, where a quiet reception will be held.

The Telegraph.

MONDAY, DEC. 14, 1925.

HIGHWAYS FOR CHINA.

Despite the disturbed condition of the country generally, what is known as "the better roads movement" is making slow but steady progress in various parts of China. It is well within the remembrance of most of us when throughout the length and breadth of this great land there were hardly any broad highways, so that, apart from such railways and waterways as were available, the means of communication between various towns, villages and districts were mere pathways or roads so crude in construction as to be utterly useless for the purpose of vehicular traffic. In recent years, however, marked changes have occurred—due, in the main, to the coming of the motor-car. This modern means of transport is gradually revolutionising the road systems of the country, for with the increasing proof of the utility of the automobile it has become apparent that China must have more and better highways. Every month the pages of the Bulletin issued by the Economic Bureau in Peking contain details of new roadway schemes in various parts of the country, whilst projects for the instituting of motor-bus services are just as numerous. We have been struck, as we have noticed these developments, that they are not confined to any one particular area—the determination to improve the means of communication is everywhere in evidence. Here in South China the movement is as pronounced as it is in other parts of the country. On Saturday we gave a few details of two big highway schemes in this part of the world, and important as these are, they are only two of several projects now in hand in Kwangtung. Down in the south of the province especially, the motor-highway movement has

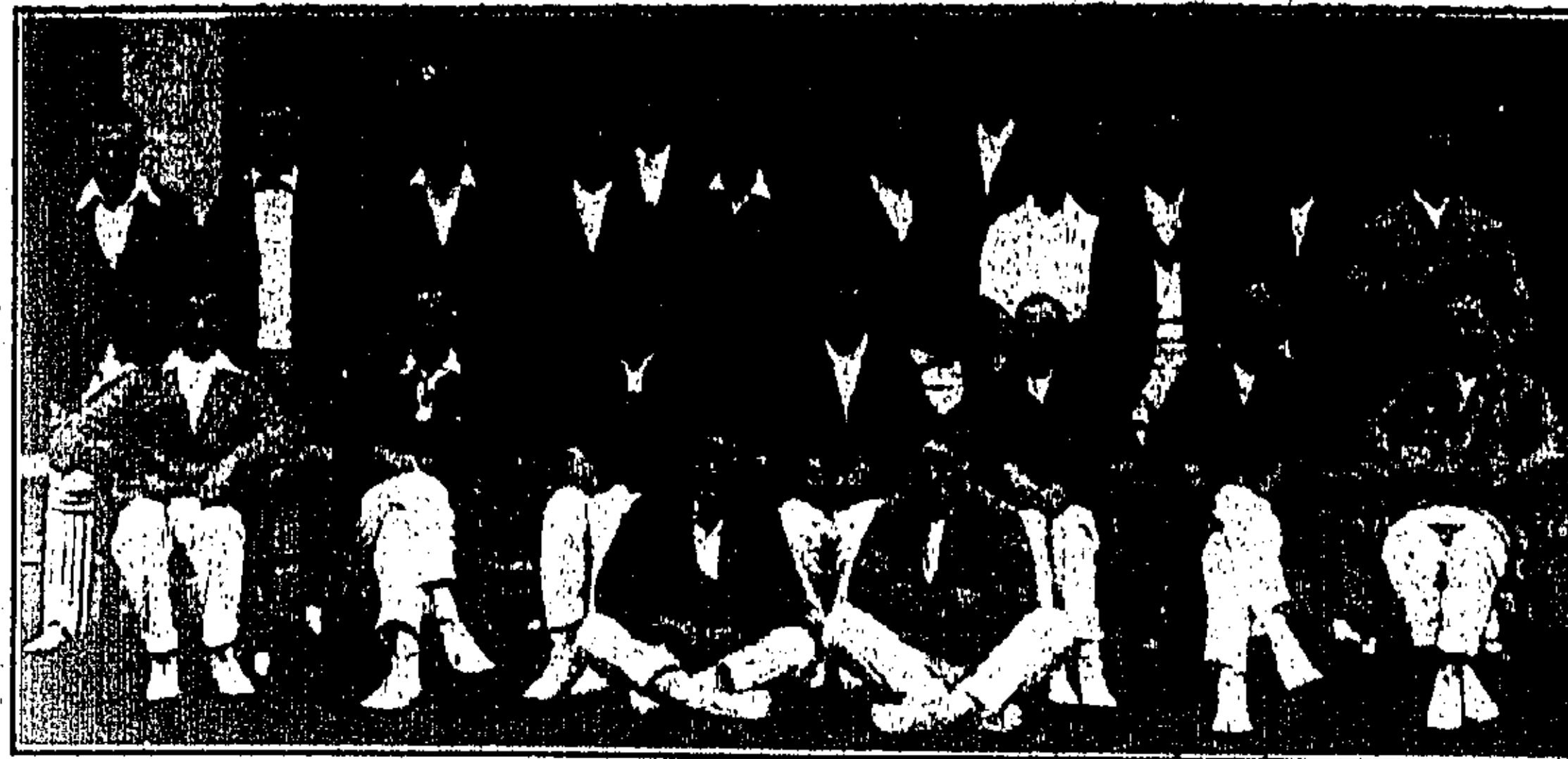
been steadily progressing in recent years, and, we all know, that there are schemes in hand also for the opening up of Eastern Kwangtung to motor traffic. It is, of course, one thing to construct roads and another to maintain them in good condition so that in course of time, as a regular network of these highways develops in various parts of the country, ways and means will have to be found of financing their upkeep, in which connection it is to be hoped that some uniform method will be adopted in order that the burden may be equitably borne by the various interests and communities served. In the meantime, however, we can look with much gratification on these developments, for they are all to the good of the country. Better communications will in course of time be reflected in more prosperity for the country and also in a better understanding between contiguous localities as they become more closely brought into contact one with the other. Railways will, of course, still be needed for this great country, especially over long-distance routes, but there is a great and a growing future for motor transport in China, which should have its reflex action in tremendous business for foreign manufacturers of cars, buses, lorries and other types of motor-vehicles.

The Falling Franc.

Despite all that appears to have been done in the recent past to restore the franc to a normal quotation, matters have again assumed the aspect of a financial seesaw, with France's currency down to a lower exchange value than it has ever touched. The improvement of a year or so ago will be recalled, when from something over a hundred to the pound sterling the franc was raised to about threepence. Since then, there have been other crises to weather, of which the failure to arrange a settlement with the United States over the war debt has not been the least, and within the last fortnight the position of French currency has assumed a very unstable aspect. It is obvious that matters cannot go on like that for very long, and something will have to be done by the authorities to rescue the country's credit from threatening disaster. A falling franc recalls the effect it has on the country quite apart from the continued loss of confidence suffered abroad. For one thing, the price of imported goods becomes prohibitive. The shopkeepers put up their prices on current stock, principally so as to recoup themselves for the higher cost of living, and the consumer is faced with the probable increase of taxation in addition to these other imposts. Thus the vicious cycle goes on, and meanwhile politicians come and go in seemingly impotent efforts to stem the adverse tide. France is already one of the most heavily taxed countries in the world, and when we come to think of all that she has suffered, the burden of debt that she has to bear, and the commitments at home and abroad that world affairs have given rise to, and remember that most of her troubles are an aftermath of the heroic efforts that she put forth in the late war, we cannot but feel the utmost sympathy for the country and its people, and echo the wish that it will not be long before many of her present difficulties are successfully overcome.

Revelations made through the seizure at Vancouver of \$100,000 worth of morphine are expected to result in the arrest of a number of German smugglers and the exposure of a well-prepared scheme for smuggling morphine into Canada. Trunks of morphine from Germany via Quebec labelled for Japan were seized on the ground that they had not been properly cleared. While the names of the various shippers are shown, it is stated that the real consignee is a resident of Hamburg. Officials of the Department of Health believe that drugs are shipped from Germany via Quebec to Japan then smuggled back to Canada—an opinion which is based on a recent seizure of morphine that arrived in Canada from Yokohama where morphine is not manufactured.

ARMY AND NAVY CRICKETERS MEET.



The above group shows the Army and Navy cricket teams which met on Wednesday last on the H. K. C. C. ground. After an exciting contest, the match was left drawn. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR.

That the Hongkong corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade is a live and active body, continually expanding its field of operations, was reflected in a speech by Mr. E. Ralph, the District Commissioner, at Government House, this morning, when members of the Brigade attended to receive certificates and medals, from the hands of His Excellency, the Governor. Various cups and shields, for competitions held last October, and for attendance throughout the year, were also presented.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mrs. and Miss Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, the Hon. Mr. Kotewall, the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. J. H. Kemp, Dr. and Mrs. Minnett, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Dr. Stuart Taylor, Dr. T. Wong, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Dr. Koch, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, and Mr. G. F. Nightingale. Divisional Superintendent Morris was also present, with Divisional Superintendent H. el Arculli (in charge of the Indian Division), and Divisional Superintendent Ralston, (in charge of the Kowloon Division).

A FINE RECORD.

Before the certificates and cups were distributed, Mr. Ralph said:—As you, Sir, have taken a very active part in developing the work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Ceylon, it is not necessary for me to enlarge upon the value and importance of ambulance training and I shall touch only lightly on the work of the Hongkong Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade during the year. In June last, we increased our membership and formed two new divisions or companies—an Indian division consisting entirely of members of the Indian community, in charge of Mr. H. el Arculli, with Dr. Samy as surgeon, and the Kowloon division, consisting of Europeans under Mr. Ralston. At the same time the membership of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. was largely increased, as was that of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, both very active and very efficient divisions. The members of the Corps have made every effort to become proficient so successfully that all—to the number of 100—have without exception been examined and passed as "efficient" for the year, and the examining surgeons have reported that a high standard has been attained. I may mention here that every member is obliged to take a course of instruction and pass an efficiency test annually, so that our uniform is a guarantee that the wearer is really proficient in ambulance work.

The members are always ready to respond to a call to render first aid to the injured; as far as public duty is concerned they provided as in previous years—a detachment for duty at the Races, and took charge of the Government motor ambulances during July and August last, keeping a squad of men on duty, night and day, continuously. Numerous accident cases have been attended during the year, the most serious being the Po Hing Fong disaster, when the full strength of the Corps was engaged for several days. I may mention here that while we were on parade yesterday a messenger arrived in hot haste to report that a member of a football team playing on the Soojunpoo ground had broken his leg. The requisite number of our men

DAY BY DAY.

THE WISE MAN CARRIES ALL HIS WEALTH WITHIN HIMSELF.—*Ménander.*

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.5/16d.

Lady Chater returned to the Colony on Saturday on the M.M. s.s. Amboise.

The P. & O. s.s. Mantua from Hongkong arrived at Marseilles on 11th December at 7 a.m.

A private telegram states that Sun Fo and Wu Te-ching will leave Shanghai for Canton either on the 16th or 17th inst.

The Sanitary Board will tomorrow consider a minute by the President relative to the proposed house cleansing of the servants' quarters in the European residences in Kowloon.

The Observatory reports that the monsoon is interrupted to the north of Foochow. It will remain moderate over the China Sea. The forecast for to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

A jumble sale in aid of charities will be held in the Union Church Hall on Tuesday, 22nd inst. at 11.30 a.m. Goods for the sale will be received at the Hall until noon daily. *Advt.*

Dr. D. R. Gawler left by the P. & O. s.s. Moroa on Saturday for Singapore, whence he sails for Fremantle to spend a short holiday in Western Australia. Dr. Gawler expects to be away from Hongkong two months.

A Chinese testator who instructed that the rents of his property should be divided among "such of his sons and adopted sons as should become literate in China or graduate at an English, Scottish or Irish University" has caused a certain amount of trouble in legal circles in Singapore. In the event none of the sons qualifying the rents or the property were to fall into the residuary estate. Counsel stated at an adjourned hearing that of the people who might possibly be interested in this disquisition, one was 53, another 51, another 50, and the youngest 36 years of age. None of them had qualified in any of the examinations mentioned in the affidavit.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak has to-day been the recipient of many congratulations on attaining the tenth anniversary of his appointment as a member of the Legislative Council. It was after the death of the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, C. M. G., that Mr. Holyoak was elected to the Council as representative of the Chamber of Commerce, and exactly ten years ago to-day the appointment was officially made by the then Governor (Sir Henry May). Except for periods of leave, he has served continuously ever since, and has proved himself an able guardian of commercial interests on the Council, in addition to serving the general public with marked ability. His duties have been largely increased this year from the fact that he has acted as senior Unofficial member of both Executive and Legislative Councils.

In case of accidents, and he would do his utmost to see that before long, a very much larger percentage of officers and men of the police force were efficiently trained. He concluded by wishing them good-day, and hoped they would have all success throughout the coming year. The parade was then dismissed.

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

CIVILIANS' REMARKABLE CUP SUCCESS.

By "Wanderer."

It is a curious thing associated with sport and sportsmen, and with football and footballers in particular, that a much-criticised team turns round and confounds the critic by achieving the suggested impossible. Therefore I was surprised, and yet in this particular respect, not surprised, when the Civilians defeated the Army in the Lai Wah Cup Competition on Saturday. They did not have the better of the game but they played exceedingly well and after all it's goals which count.

The Junior matches provided one surprise, the draw of the Drums Reserves with South China "C." Hitherto the Chinese fourth team had not conceded a point in the "Third" Division.

Scores are appended:

Lai Wah Cup—Semi-Final.	
Civilians	1 Army
League, Division II. "A."	
China "A"	3 St. Joseph's
Drums	4 Recreation "A"
Kowloon Res.	1 Club Res.
Division II. "B."	
Kowloon "B"	1 Moslem "B"
China "C"	2 Drums Res.
University	4 Moslem "A"

ARMY OUT OF LAI WAH CUP.

The experience of the Army, who lost to the Civilians by the only goal scored, can be likened unto that of the boxer who is ahead on points and then receives a heavy punch which sends him down and out. The result was against the balance of play—even during the periods when Humberstone was absent, the Army pressed—but the match was so interesting to watch, and there were so many thrills from both individual and combined effort, that it did not seem to matter who won.

Most teams who were overplayed in midfield to the extent of the Civilians would have capitulated, but Bob Wynne was in brilliant form, though he was hardworked like every other member of the defence. By frequently placing the ball into touch they obtained some respite.

The failure of the Army to score cannot be laid wholly at the door of bad shooting. Before he was injured Humberstone had put in a shot which had Roger beaten all over his goal but which Wynne obstructed unknowingly with his head. When he returned dazed he put in a shot from forty yards which obliged Roger to dive the full length of his charge to effect a brilliant save. In the second half, receiving in the middle, Humberstone put in one of his pile-drivers which was going all the way until the head of McKelvie, who had fallen to the ground, sent the ball obliquely over the bar, and again near the close he sent in a terrific shot which sailed about six inches over the bar, and the ball was a light one.

Stanton had far less to do in the Army goal but he was so unsafe, so uncertain in picking up, that the Civilians attack often had the appearance of being the more dangerous. The goal which Gosano headed through would have been saved by nine goalkeepers out of ten even forgetting that the ball passed through his arms on its way to the back of the net. It came 40 minutes after the start from a corner conceded by Cooper in making a wonderful save. Stanton had run out leaving his goal unprotected. He failed to get the ball which was sent in the direction of goal and which appeared likely to pass between the posts until Cooper dashed up, and doing the almost impossible, kicked it across goal over the line. The corner was splendidly placed but it was but six feet out and Roger, Clark or the average goalkeeper would have punched it clear first time. Stanton however remained in his goal and Gosano headed through.

There were very clever players on the side of the Civilians but in team work, as was to be expected, they were not the equal of the Army. It was principally their superiority as a team which enabled the Army to command so much of the play, but too much finesse in finishing and a disinclination on the part of the forwards to take a speculative first-time shot had much to do with their barren performance.

The Civilians started off well but when the Army defence warmed up

they found it less difficult to intercept passes and generally put paid to their efforts. The forward line proved to be fast moving but lacking method and thrustfulness. They relied chiefly on their wingers and Simpson's build and speed frequently took him through the opposition and Taylor on the right also put in good work. There was plenty of perseverance, and Gosano, though given few opportunities, fed Taylor well.

The half-backs were hard-worked and came through with credit. McKelvie and Bishop were on tenterhooks the whole time with Charlesworth in one of his most pleasing moods. Well plied by Sims and Mitchell he led most of the raids on the civilian goal, but though he muddled the ball as only Charlesworth can, the necessary touch was not forthcoming. Curiously enough though his centres on the run were ideal Charlesworth nullified corner after corner by placing the ball outside.

Without a doubt the approach work of the Army was vastly superior to that of the Civilians, but time and again Wynne who is thoroughly acquainted with their every move, positioned himself perfectly to step in and emerge with the ball. Principal credit for the civilian victory must go to Wynne, though something might be said for the player I could not say who administered the coup de grace to Humberstone. Humberstone was blocked every time he attempted to move—good football of course—and three times in the first ten minutes he was brought heavily to the ground.

The civilian defence certainly covered each other effectively and Rodger's performance in goal it would be difficult to surpass.

Cooper and Jordan made a doubtful start but were safe enough after the first ten minutes. MacGreavey, Sims and Bristowe were splendid half-backs, though I have seen Sims put up a far better game. Black-haired Bristowe worked like a Trojan against the Forsyth-Taylor wing. Forsyth had one of his good days. He was passing the ball with accuracy though he had few attempts at goal. Bristowe however more than held his own. I am not sure that next to Wynne he was not the outstanding player on the field. The forwards played pretty football but a certain amount of bullying, fair shoulder charging, rather upset their equilibrium and the left wing was not moving with its customary freedom. Humberstone who was badly shaken could not be expected to perform with his usual deftness, and Mitchell though he worked hard and made several delightful passes which might have brought goals, was over-eager when himself given a chance. Charlesworth was the most normal of the quintette.

Of Rodger and Wynne nothing further need be said. Bishop played one of his best games this season, but he kicked with little sense of direction and still has a fair way to go before he gets back his old form.

Britain caused no qualms at right-half though sometimes his positional play was not always correct. Stewart worked hard throughout though rather inclined to concentrate on defence. His checking was well-judged and his long passes to the wings were productive of go-ahead football. McKelvie shaped well against the outstanding wing but he was not permitted to be much of a helpmeet to his forwards. The vanguard did far better than I anticipated, chief credit for which must go to the wingers. Rocha did little. Gosano put his best into the game though he was rarely given an opportunity of shooting, and Forsyth was the constructor of the attack, without lending much to its thrustfulness.

I have been chipped for my criticisms of the civilian team before the match, but am convinced enough to suggest that the remarks put an additional sting into the play of the side, a sting which otherwise might have been absent.

A Boxing Tournament has been arranged between the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment and H.M.S. "Hawkins" to take place at Murray Barracks at 8.30 p.m. this evening. There will be 10 bouts at all weights from Light Heavy to Fly.

COMPANY REPORT.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. (1918), LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the seventh ordinary yearly meeting to be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Hongkong, on Monday, December 21st, states:—

The General Managers have now to lay before the Shareholders a Statement of Accounts for the 12 months ended September 30th, 1925.

The Gross Profit for the above period is \$523,279.67. Plus amount brought forward from last year 21,421.70

\$544,701.37

After allowing for:—
Interest, etc. \$ 4,807.87
Exchange 1,765.51
Writing off depreciation on the Company's Lines, Buildings, Machinery, etc. 115,034.57
Consulting Committee's and Auditors' Fees 5,800.00

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The Balance to be dealt with is \$416,293.59

Which it is proposed to be appropriated as follows:—

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To carry forward to next year's account 153,177.59

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The Management regret that, owing to the present financial stringency and difficulty in obtaining funds, it is impossible to pay a larger dividend at the forthcoming meeting; but should money become available later on, it may be possible to declare an interim dividend.

Consulting Committee:—During the year Mr. A. H. White was appointed in place of Mr. H. P. White, who resigned on leaving the Colony. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. A. H. White, A. H. Compton, C. A. da Roza and Lee Hysan retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe,ingham and Matthews who are recommended for re-election.

AMERICA ABROAD.

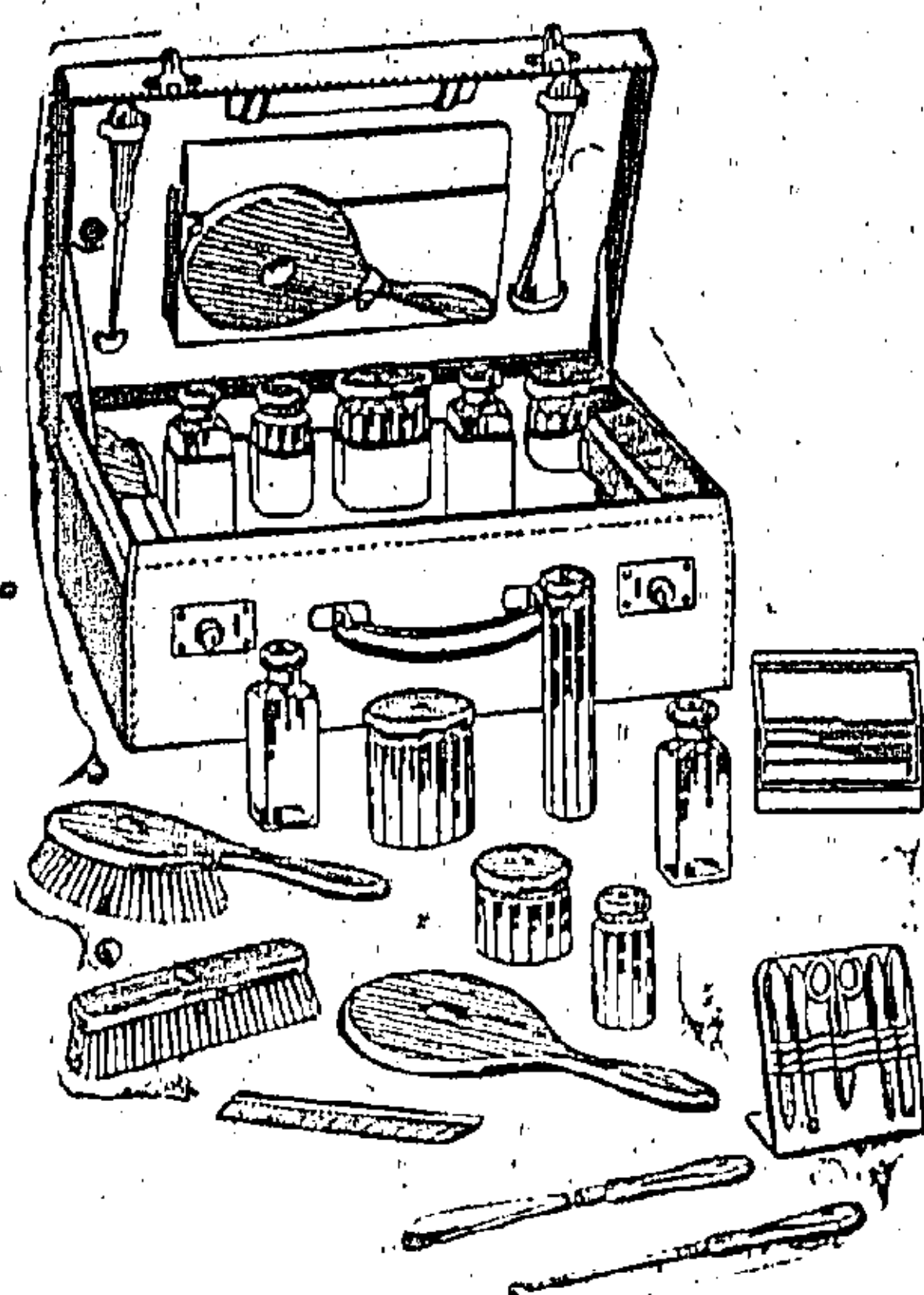
PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE QUESTION.

Washington, December 8.—President Coolidge in his annual message to congress to-day reviewed a number of recommendations already made and outlined a comprehensive legislative programme dealing with pressing domestic and international problems.

Taking up the question of the Philippine Islands the president made the following declaration:

"The time has come for a careful investigation of the success of the laws whereby we undertake to administer the outlying possessions. Consideration should be given to the experience under the law which governs the Philippine Islands. From such reports as reach me there are indications that more authority should be given the governor general of the Philippines, so that he will not be so dependent upon the local legislative body to render effective our efforts to set an example of sound administration and good government which are so necessary for the preparation of the Filipino people for self government under ultimate independence. If they are to be trained in these arts it is our duty to provide for them the best there is."

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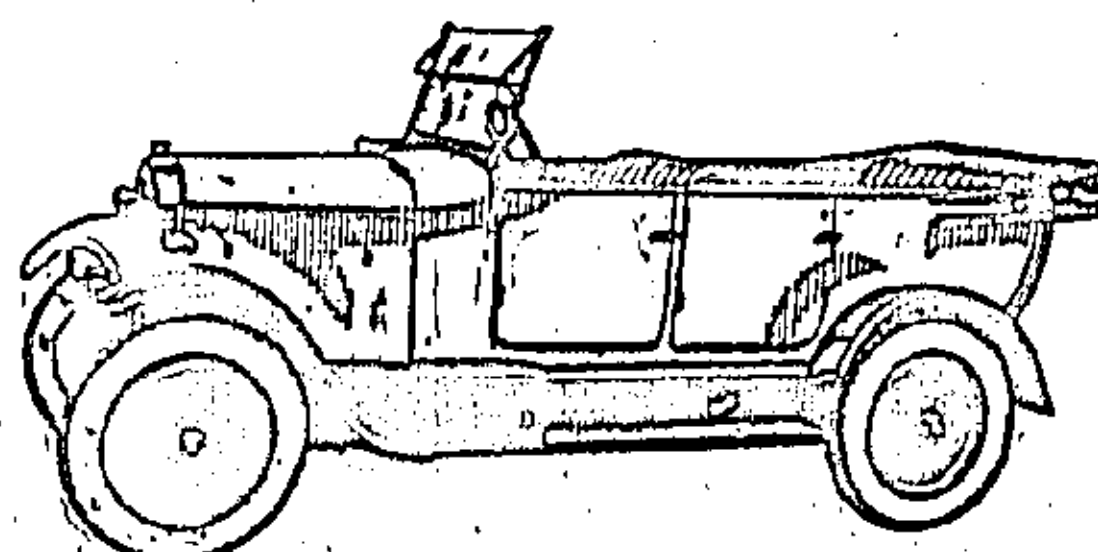
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SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

SEVERAL HALF CENTURIES.

The Civil Service drew with the K. C. K. at Happy Valley in a first division League match on Saturday. The Kowloon team scored 159, B. D. Evans taking 4 for 32, J. C. Lyle was top scorer with 37, and R. E. Lindsell was 34 not out. The home side had secured 96 for 2, when play closed (G. R. Sayer 36, E. C. Fincher 42 not out).

Craignewer were at home to the Chinese R. C., and won by 58 runs after declaring at 199 for 4 (D. Fritz 82, E. Fincher 61 not out). The C. R. C. replied with 141 (W. C. Hung 59), S. Abbas taking 4 for 48.

The Indian R. C. had their "revenge" against the Navy when the second eleven met at Sookunpoo. The home side compiled 153, to which the naval men replied with 54, A. S. Sufflad taking 4 for 27 and H. D. Rumliah 6 for 25. The Royal Engineers went down by a narrow margin to the Police at the latter's ground. The visitors scored 111 (Sergt. Cockell 33), C. F. Alexander taking 5 for 32 and Lacey 5 for 26. The Police replied with 118, Sgt. Jones taking 3 for 8 and Sgt. Cockell 5 for 23.

FRIENDLY GAMES.
The H. K. C. C. ground was the scene of a spirited encounter between the Club "Outcasts" and the Hawkins. The home side lost by three wickets. Hayward knocked up 75 for the Club, and on the naval side Lake scored 54. Bowker took 5 for 65.

The Navy compiled 149 against the University at Pokfulam (Lieut. Simpson 70), the home team replying with 179 for 8 (Ng 52). For the winners, Lam took 4, wickets for 20.

The K. C. C. seconds were at home to the Civil Service "A," and lost to the visitors by 31, scoring 107 (Lee 33) to 138 (Paterson 42, Edwards 31). Spillett took 7 K. C. C. wickets for 50, and for the home team Lam captured 5 for 22.

"Waylong" and "Ewo" played a Hong match at the C. K. C. ground, and the Bank beat Jardine's men by 45. For the victors Hall scored 84 out of the total of 157, including fifteen four. "Ewo" scored 112, Parker taking 6 for 42.

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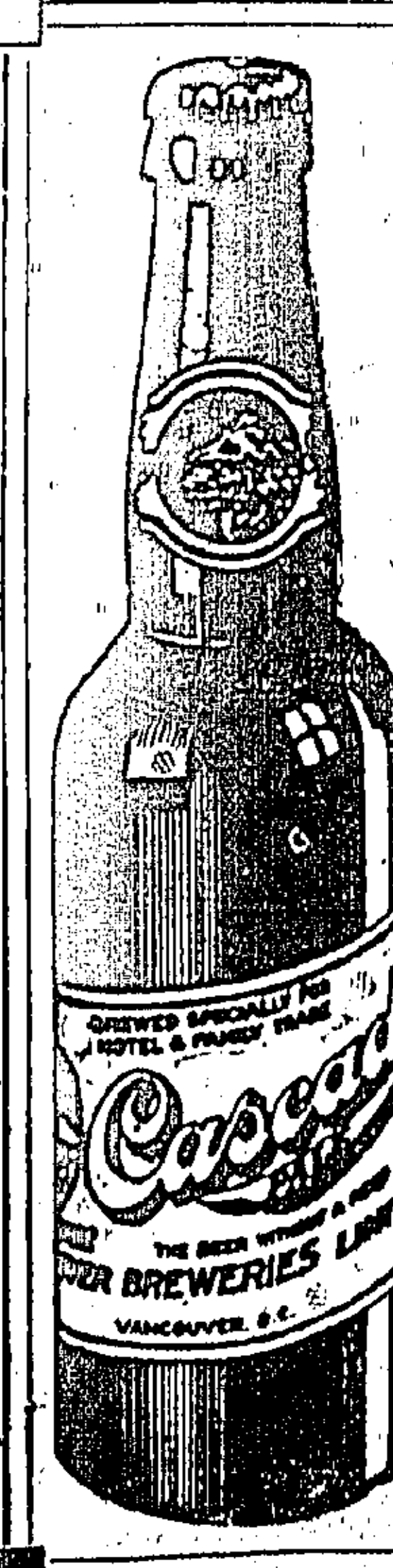
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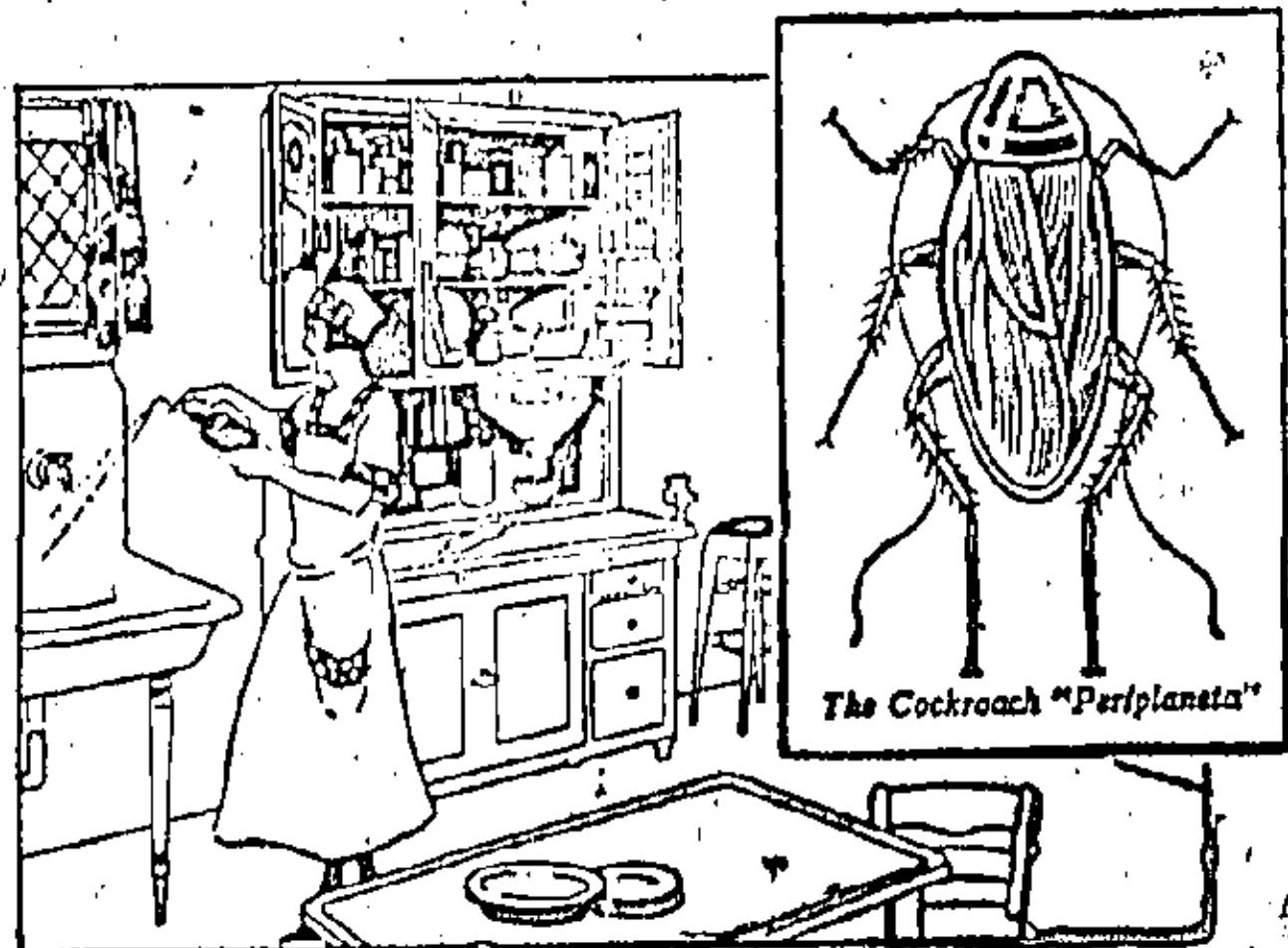
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THE NORTHERN WAR.

PANIC IN TIENSIN.

Foreign Troops Guarding Vital Points.

Shanghai, Dec. 13. Firing was heard until midnight, there being much panic in the city, but the population were later reassured by the presence of French, Japanese and Italian soldiers, who entered the city by special request of the city police, for guarding the electric and water works, bridges and other important points. Not many Chinese are actually in Tientsin, all having been sent to Ma Chan or Pei Tsang, but it is feared the defeated soldiers will stream to the city and loot. The presence of a foreign guard not only protects the native city, but prevents any possibility of the horde of defeated soldiers suddenly rushing to the concession.—*Reuter*.

International Train Fired On.

Peking, Dec. 13. Radio messages from the international train, which left yesterday morning, state that artillery fired on the train this morning four miles south of Yangtsun. There were no casualties, but shrapnel broke one window. The train returned to Yangtsun and according to last reports is still there. Some passengers are still aboard, whilst others walked across the bridge and took motor cars and other conveyances to Tientsin. The firing was apparently done by Li Ching-ling's artillery. It is doubtful whether it was against the train, but a protest has been lodged with Li Ching-ling's headquarters at Tientsin. Other messages state that heavy fighting is proceeding in the vicinity of Yangtsun, Li Ching-ling's troops falling back.—*Reuter*.

Mukden Panicky.

Tokyo, Dec. 13. A Kokusai message from Mukden says some fifteen hundred of Kuo Sung-ling's troops appeared on the bank of the Liaohs, opposite Newchwang, yesterday. The city is panic stricken and residents are fleeing. The Liaohs is already frozen and can be walked across. The Japanese authorities have decided to reinforce the police from the South Manchurian Railway zone to protect Japanese.—*Reuter*.

Shanghai, Dec. 13. "All the forces of General Li Ching-ling in Tientsin have left for Peking" and Manchong. Foreign troops are maintaining order in the Chinese territory. The Commanders of the foreign troops at Tientsin have decided that notice be given by the Japanese Commander to the Nationalist army and the forces of General Li Ching-ling that there should be no hostilities nor troops within a radius of twenty li of Tientsin.—*Woh Kiu Yat Po*.

Japanese Press Comments.

Tokyo, Dec. 12. The Chugai maintains the Upper House's general opinion that to ensure proper protection of their rights and interests Japan should support Chang Tso-lin. The Nichi Nichi credits the Privy Councilors with desiring action, which virtually entails aiding Chang, but the Jiji continues to back the Government's attitude. The War Office, says the Yugei, is still satisfied that reinforcements are not yet required but thinks Japan's future action will probably be decided by developments in the next few days. A Kokusai message from Mukden says "Chang Tso-lin is declaring a determined attempt to turn the tables on his enemies after which he will yield his present post to a competent person and retire into private life.—*Reuter*".

On the request of the Civil Administration of Kwantung, the Government has detailed 100 police from Seoul to Mukden.—*Reuter*.

Chang Tso-lin to Lead Again.

Tokyo, Dec. 13. A message from Mukden states that Chang Tso-lin is reported to be taking command of the forces himself in the coming battle. As the Mukden troops are erecting fortifications in the Southern Manchurian Railway compounds, the Japanese Consul General has issued a warning not to permit their use, as Japanese lives and property will be endangered if fighting takes place. The S. M. R. will not permit the transport of Chinese troops and munitions without the Consul General's certificate.—*Reuter*.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

TEN CASES AMONG CHINESE FIRMS.

Debtor and the Shipping Slump.

Ten cases, all in respect of Chinese firms, came before Sir Henry Gollan, Chief Justice, at the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday. Three applications for adjournment were granted, while three adjournments pending the hearing of petitions were granted and four refused. Mr. L. D. Turner, appearing for Hui Cheung-shin, trading as the Cheong Hoo Steamship Company, applied for a receiving order, which he said, he understood was to be opposed by the Official Receiver on the grounds of insufficiency of assets. The debtor had chartered steamers trading between Hongkong, and other Eastern ports, and he had started business with a capital of \$100,000. His failure was due to last year's shipping slump, the final blow being the strike.

Shipping Creditors.

The Official Receiver showed the assets at between \$2,000 and \$3,000, and the liabilities at nearly \$80,000. The Oriental Steam Navigation Company, the largest creditors, had Mr. Turner said, informed him, and also, he believed, the Official Receiver, that they were not opposed to the application and were willing to receive a dividend, however small. They were convinced that the debtor's losses were genuine and not the result of carelessness. Other creditors, added Mr. Turner, were not desirous of making him bankrupt.

The Official Receiver pointed out the heavy liabilities in comparison with the assets and mentioned a debt of \$19,000 to the Douglas S.S. Co. His Lordship said he had no option but to dismiss the application for a receiving order.

Alleged Land Asset.

The Official Receiver said that land in Kowloon and the New Territories had been mentioned in connection with Lau Tat, alias Lau Lin-wai. This had been put down at \$3,400 "in the present disturbed conditions existing in the Colony."

A search in the Land Office had shown that there was a prohibitory order in respect of this property concerned with a judgment in an action amounting to \$5,400. In view of this he would have

to oppose the application for adjournment. The application was dismissed.

Composition Offered.

Mr. C. A. S. Ruas, appearing for petitioning creditor in the case of the Kue On Bank, said the debtor's friends had approached the creditors and had offered a composition which was practically agreed upon. The only reason for delay was the usual bargaining, one offering so much and another an amount considerably less. The composition should be available next week.

The adjournment was granted. Mr. J. T. Prior applied for an adjournment in the case of Tsau Loong and Co., and said that certain potential assets were being investigated. In the case of one which the Official Receiver had examined, assets totalling \$6,200 had been estimated, but when the facts were known it transpired that there had been a counter claim by that particular firm which was for a much larger amount.

The Chief Justice termed the hopes of the firm as "rather optimistic" if all the claims were as baseless as the only one investigated. He dismissed the application for adjournment.

Absconding Debtor.

In the case of Wong Au Shi, sole proprietor of the Tai Fung firm, the application was adjourned for the possible distribution of further assets. The Official Receiver said that the debtors had apparently been spurred to activity by the possibility of the case being dismissed, and had approached him, bringing a woman who was prepared to pay \$1,000 for the goodwill of the business.

A petitioning creditor had been absent twice before in the case of the Kwong San Cheong, and Mr. Prior was informed that his application for an adjournment would be dismissed if he did not appear. The debtor had absconded in this case.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask applied for adjudication in respect of Wong Tze Chai, and this was granted, being the outcome of a creditors' meeting. The Official Receiver was appointed trustee in the case of Wong Po-tai, alias Wong Shi-shun. Mr. Prior applied for adjudication and this was granted.

Leave to withdraw was granted in respect of Tai Lee Chun, a composition scheme approved by the creditors having been evolved. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks made the application, also that for the Kwong Shing firm. The application for adjudication in this case was granted.

ABOUT BULGARIA.

STORY OF PEASANT INDUSTRY.

Bulgaria is an agricultural country, her chief products being grain, tobacco and attar of roses. The industry of the Bulgarian peasant increased the tobacco crop from 5,000 tons in 1913 to 51,000 in 1923, and this year's crop promises to be at least equal to that of 1923. The bulk of this tobacco is exported to Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia, but even the United States buys about 3,000 tons a year. The big tobacco export companies are mostly in foreign hands—Italian, English, Belgian and French capital is invested—and these big concerns are organized in an up-to-date way. Yet the process by which this tobacco crop gets into the hands of the exporter from the peasant producer is the most interesting part of the trading operations.

After the tobacco harvest the peasant makes a bundle consisting of fifty tobacco leaves and stitches them together with yarn. Early in the fall the buying agents of the big tobacco export companies go from village to village and buy up the crop. When the agents arrive the peasants all assemble in the village inn. The agent treats them with rakia, a spirit distilled from grape residue, and cigarettes are freely distributed. For half an hour the conversation carefully avoids the subject of tobacco; then when the rakia has created a more advantageous atmosphere, the agent suddenly asks the price. The biggest planter then names a price. Bargaining follows, and if they come to an agreement the deal is consummated with a handshake. The agent gives to each peasant an advance; there is no need of a contract. A handshake in Bulgaria is of greater value than any written document.

But the chief peculiarity of Bulgaria's trade is in the attar of roses business. A visit to the districts of Kasanlik, Karlovo and the Shipka Pass in May presents not only an unforgettable picture, rich in colour, but an odor as though from the Elysian fields. The villages are situated about 1,500 feet above sea level, and

over them rises the highest mountain ridge of the Balkans, the Stara Planina. The whole mountain side is covered with dewy, fragrant-scented roses, mostly white in colour, all planted on the shady slopes of the Stara Planina, for only the rose that grows in the shadow will supply petals suitable for the production of attar of roses.

Toward the end of May, when the harvest time comes, these leaves must be picked before the morning sun has had a chance to kiss the scented petals. As a rule, petals, picked after sunrise lose all their fragrance. So the peasants start the rose-leaf harvest at 4 a.m.

The petals are placed in wooden barrels, and are pressed tightly together. Then they are transferred to a copper vessel in which they are boiled and the evaporating fragrant matter is conducted through a copper cooler, where it coagulates into the oily attar of roses. The attar is then kept in glass jars. That is necessary because the buying agent wants to see the colour. There are two kinds of attars—a better quality of pure white colour, and another of the colour of Rhine wine.

The buying agent visits the villages in September. Again the peasants jointly receive him, this time, however, at the house of the biggest planter. The reason for avoiding the inn is that the peasants must bring along the glass jars for inspection, and they fear to upset the valuable contents of these jars should they consume too much rakia. So the attar purchase is a dry event. It very often happens that the peasants refuse to sell at the first agent's visit. They frequently wait for the offer of a "competing" agent. Handshakes seal the deal.

The yearly production of attar amounts to about 2,000 litres of which 800 litres is exported to France and 600 litres to America.

After the peasant has sold his produce, should it be grain, tobacco or attar, he goes to town to do his "shopping." A waggon drawn by four oxen takes him and his whole family to town. His money, which at home he carefully kept in a box which gives a bell signal at each opening, is now carried in a leather bag hanging from his neck.

At the town market he buys shoes, cloth, salt, oil for his lamp, sugar, olive oil, spices. He visits at this occasion the doctor, who always prescribes medicine for the family. In the chemist shop he buys medicine sufficient for the whole year, a pomade to wax his mustache and some rouge for his wife. The somewhat corpulent, dark-haired and dark-eyed Bulgarian women like to rouge their cheeks on Sundays. Then at the bazaar, or at the market he buys his wife some glass or metal beads. The last visit is paid to the state-controlled Agrarian Bank. There he banks part of his money, and then goes to the departmental stores of the bank, where he buys his agricultural machinery. This bank in Bulgaria is the chief retailer of agricultural machinery.

The merchant morale in Bulgaria is very high. Bankruptcies are extremely rare. On the other hand, the Bulgarian is not the type of the accomplished merchant. He is mostly in the retail trade, while the wholesale business is controlled by foreigners. Yet he hates the foreigners, and is extremely chauvinistic. Trade with him is easy and perfectly safe, if you carefully take his pledges. He never breaks his word. But if he is not pledged, he will attempt to get the business conducted by foreigners into his own hands.

A French company wanted to start the manufacture of attar on a large scale and erected a big factory in Kasanlik. But they were not sufficiently shrewd, and did not attempt to come to an agreement with the peasants. So, when the factory was finished, the peasants refused to sell to the French their rose-petals, the French were compelled to sell the factory to the local producers.

The peasant, though honest and law-abiding, is avaricious and often a bad neighbour. Still, if one realizes the good and bad qualities of the Bulgarian, trade with him is made easy. A very precious quality is the sanctity of the given word.

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One of the French governors, whose reign was memorable for its severity and brilliancy, is immortalized in the vast, imposing Chateau Frontenac, a marvel of 1935 architecture, embodying all the luxuries of this age. It was erected on the site of the 17th century Chateau St. Louis, which was burned down during the winter of 1834. The new Chateau has been added to from time to time with innovations until it stands today as a marvel of stateliness and comfort. The latest addition took the form of an 18-story Norman tower, rising from the quaint inner courtyard, to far above the clustering towers and turrets of its older portions, but from every window of the vast structure may be seen a superb view.

Looking down, one sees, 200 feet below, the quaint, little old houses and churches of Lower Town and the busy waterfront with its ocean liners, big freighters, that carry Canadian wheat to feed the countries of the world, tugs and ferry-boats. Upward the east flows the mighty St. Lawrence and as one lifts the gaze, there comes into view the Citadel at the far end of Dufferin Terrace, that famous quarter-mile-long promenade built by a Governor-General of Canada for whom it is named. It overhangs a 300-foot high cliff and is an unequalled winter sports playground in winter, and the city's "Lovers' Lane" when Spring-time's advent calls the Quebecois and many visiting tourists out into the fresh, invigorating air of the Northland, which grows balmier as the sun rises higher in the heavens. Moonlight on Dufferin Terrace is a memory to cherish. The high-arched Chateau with its myriad windows, sparkles like a great jewel-set diadem. The city with its flickering lights on streets and in windows of the up-and-down streets, is intriguing. Other gleams emanate from passing boats, while across the river, Pointe Louis has the spell-bound gaze with twinkling, winking points of golden greetings.



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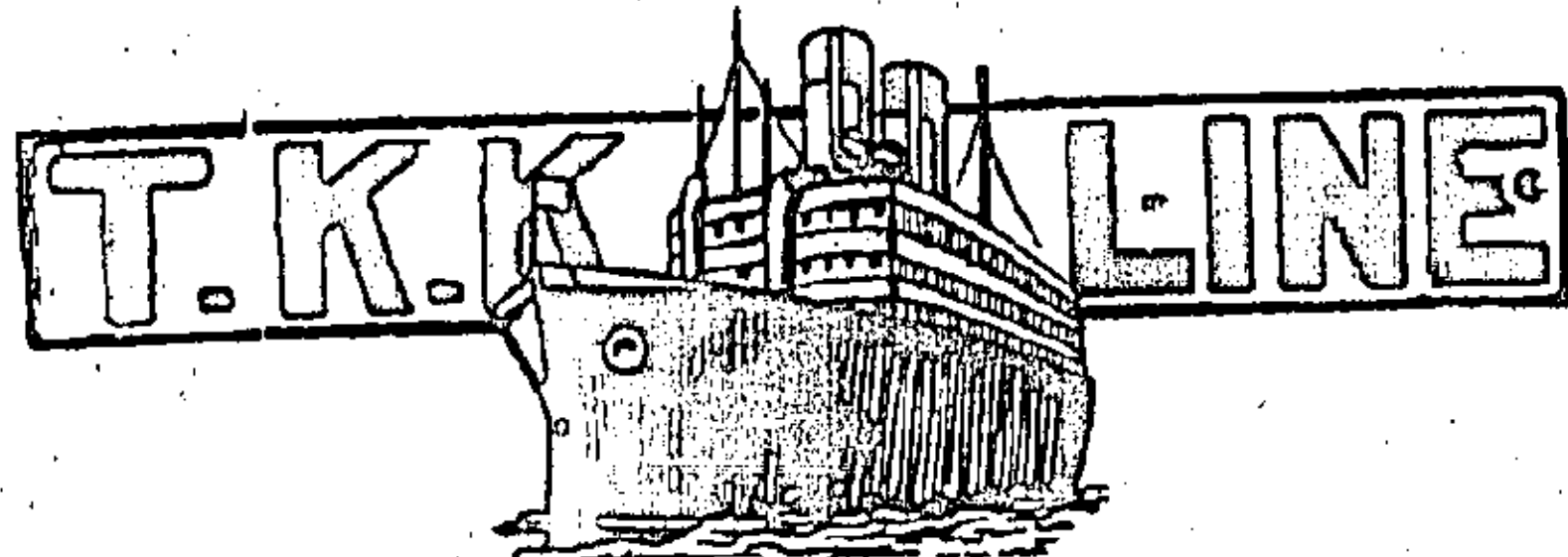
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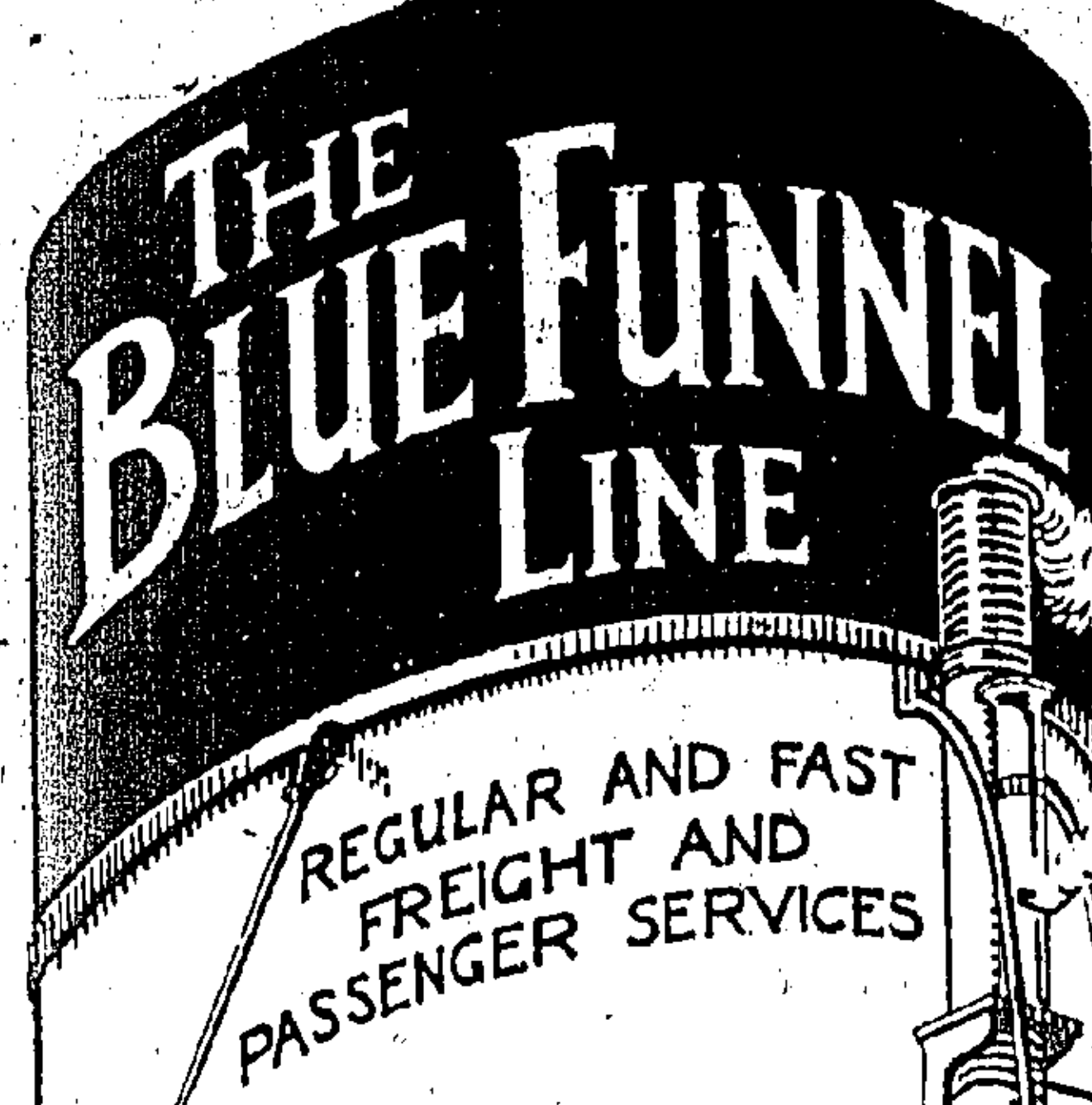
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE AMERICAN FLEET.

Washington, December 13.
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Six river gunboats for Chinese service are to be laid down in 1926.
The remarkable success demonstrated with the electric drive on battleships has led to its successful adoption in the submarine, and is a step towards obtaining more reliable, more flexible and more economical submarine propulsion. The fleet manoeuvres in the neighbourhood of the Hawaiian Islands afforded a proof of the combined utility of aircraft, submarines and surface vessels. The operations of the aircraft carrier Langley served to emphasise the need of these vessels.—*Reuter*.

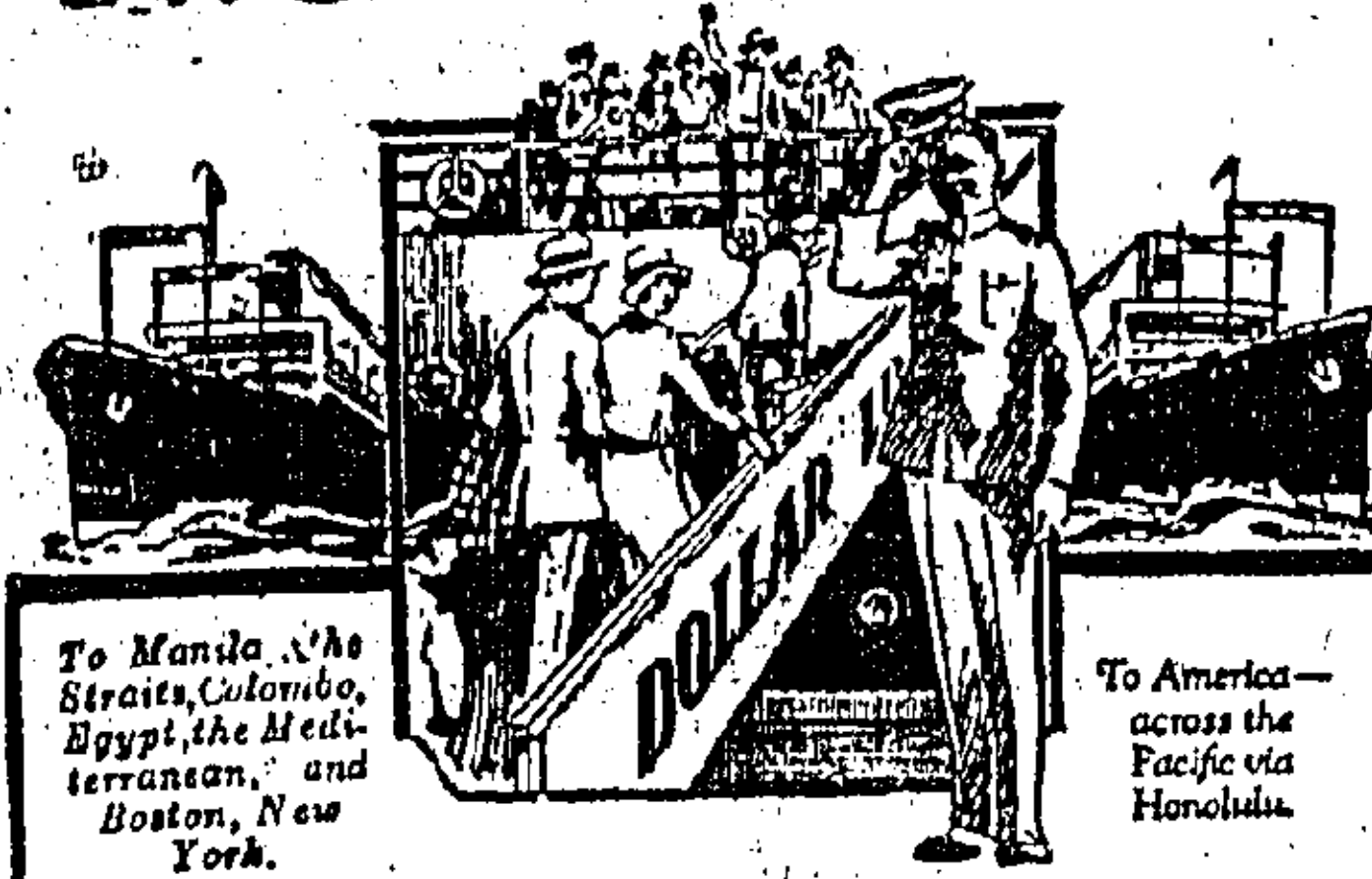
THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

Geneva, December 13.
The Preparatory Committee for the Disarmament Conference is fixed to meet at Geneva on February 15. Questions to be submitted to it are approved, including the question by Lord Cecil in regard to the nature of international supervision to be established, if possible, in order to ensure countries keeping within the limits of the scale of armaments fixed for them. The Council agreed that the committee be composed of M. Colban, M. Guani and M. Veverka, who will undertake forthwith a preliminary investigation with a view to drafting a convention for the control of the private manufacture of arms and munitions and implements of war, which will serve as a basis for discussion at the International Conference.—*Reuter*.

FRANCE AND THE SOVIET.

M. Briand gave a luncheon to M. Chicherin and M. Rakovsky, after which, "important conversations" took place.—*Reuter*.
Paris, December 13.
Le Journal writes that the "conversations" yesterday between M. Briand and M. Chicherin included all outstanding problems and will be followed by another on December 16. Afterwards M. Chicherin and M. Rakovsky will depart for Moscow in order to inform the Soviet Government, and M. Rakovsky will return to Paris in the middle of January, when the main negotiations will begin. French circles consider as essential, firstly, an honest adjustment of the Russian debt; secondly, Russia's re-entry into the general European policy depends on her will for sincere reconciliation, which must be proved by ceasing intrigues with the Third International.—*Havas*.

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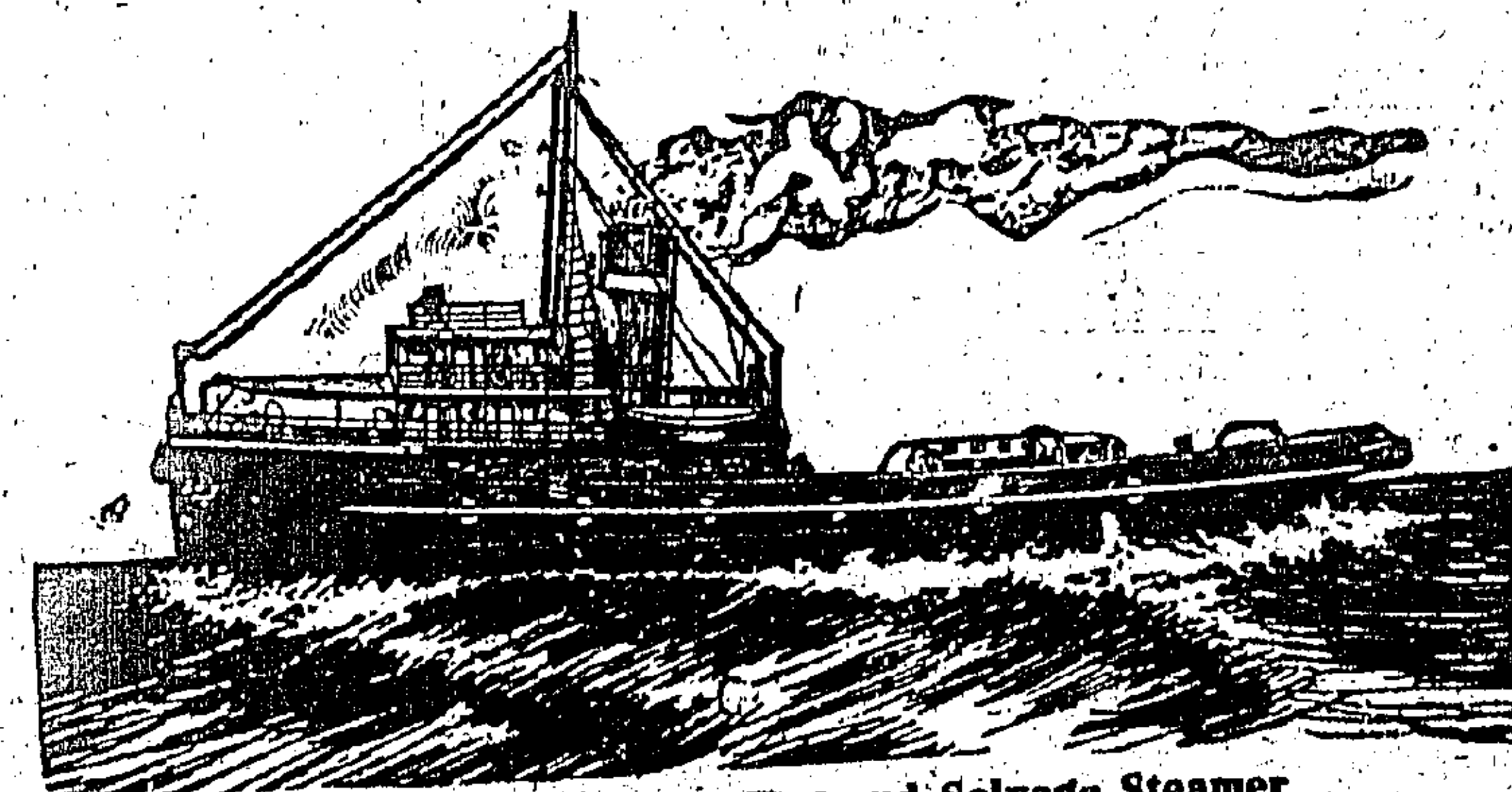
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straits	Namang	December 14
Straits	Atsuta Maru	December 14
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	December 15
Shanghai	Chusan	December 15
Japan	Talunba	December 15
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	December 17
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	December 17
Japan	Haruna Maru	December 18
Manila	Pres. Taft	December 18
Australia and Manila	Changsha	December 19
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	December 21
Japan	Tango Maru	December 22
Manila	Pres. McKinley	December 22
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Wilson	December 24
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	December 25
Straits	Kashima Maru	December 25

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date
Amoy	Namang Mon., Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Fausang Mon., Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	New Mathilde Mon., Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Atsuta Maru Tues., Dec. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halshing Tues., Dec. 15, noon
Bangkok	Kwaiyang Tues., Dec. 15, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley Tues., Dec. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus Wed., Dec. 16, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 12th January, 1926)
Amoy	Szechuen Tues., Dec. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Namang Tues., Dec. 15, 6 p.m.
Japan	Samarang Maru Wed., Dec. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Hongsang Wed., Dec. 16, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Parols Wed., Dec. 16, Noon
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LOCAL HOCKEY.

TO-MORROW'S SHIELD MATCH.

To-morrow evening, at the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, the Navy is due to meet the Army in the "Sim" Shield hockey competition, and as this is their first encounter in the competition this year, and both have succeeded in defeating the Club, more than ordinary interest attaches to the match.

It has not been deemed necessary to effect any alterations in the Navy team which played the Club last week. The players engaged are:—Garwood; Wauchope; Emley; King; Simpson; Broome; Wilson; Sillicote; Hill; Nicholson; and Fleet.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI in a match against Royal Artillery at the Marina Ground, Kowloon, on Tuesday at 5 p.m.:—A. J. Frank, C. L. R. Bocher, J. Wedlake (Capt.), E. F. Stewart; W. H. Locke, J. Prior, A. S. Exell, S. H. Garrad, D. Lyon, R. Andrews and T. J. Price.

"IOLANTHE."

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Saturday night's performance of "Iolanthe" left the impression that every member of the Company felt, as did the audience, that the Hongkong Philharmonic Society had registered one of the most notable successes in its history. From the rise to the fall of the curtain, the whole show went with a verve and swing which kept the audience at a high state of enthusiasm. To the chorus and orchestra must go the greatest measure of praise, for the faultless foundation they created for the leading characters. Confidence appeared to be the keynote of the whole production, there being no sign of self-consciousness to detract from the enjoyment which the crowded "house" so unmistakably derived.

In leading roles, Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, Mrs. Neil Mathieson, Mrs. Stanley Collett, were all excellent, while Mrs. L. C. F. Bollamy, Miss D. Punched and Miss V. M. Jefford ably sustained their respective parts.

Mr. A. C. Brock interpreted the character of the Lord Chancellor to perfection, being deservedly encored on two occasions. Lieut. D. M. Rycroft and Mr. D. M. Richards were also thoroughly at home with their parts, the former receiving quite an ovation for the well-known song "When Britain really ruled the waves." Mr. G. H. Piercy was in fine voice; his rendering of the sentry's song was extremely well done. Perhaps the gem of the evening was the quartette "Thou perhaps I may incur your blame," balance and pitch being faultlessly maintained. Mr. C. Lyl did well in his role as Strephon.

The whole production reflects the greatest credit on those responsible, and mention should be made of the wholehearted manner in which Mr. J. S. Gil-lingham has carried out his duties as Hon. Secretary.

Further performances will be given to-night and on the 17th, 18th and 19th inst., with a matinee at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday. No one should miss such an enjoyable and first-rate entertainment.

SWATOW NEWS.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

A report from Swatow states that an order has been made to the effect that no one who is not a member of the Kuomintang will be permitted to hold office in the Government service; that a warrant for the arrest of the recently-issued Major of Swatow has been issued; that an amnesty will be granted to any prominent member of Chan Kwong-ming's party now hiding in Swatow or its vicinities, who will come forward to report himself and be registered at the Police Office within ten days; and that, following the protest of the District Inspectorate of the Salt Revenue at Swatow, the authorities have sent troops to superintend the weighing and selling of salt to the merchants in Chao-an and other salt-producing centres which belong to Fukien.

CHINESE STUDENTS IN MAMMOTH MOTOR-SHIP ENGLAND.

A LOCAL CONNECTION.

It is a matter of considerable local interest to notice that at the annual dinner of the Central Union of Chinese Students in London, at which several well-known persons were present including Mr. Chao-Hsin Chu, Mr. H. G. Wells, Major-General Sir Neill and Lady Malcolm, Sir Denison and Lady Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Russell, and many others, the chair was taken by the President of the Central Union, Mr. R. C. Lee. Mr. Lee is a former student of Queen's College and is a son of the well-known Hongkong merchant, Mr. Lee Hysan, who has another son also being educated in England.

In view of the statement made public the other day that Mr. Lee Hysan had under contemplation a scheme by which, with British co-operation and the good wishes of the late Governor and Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, a Cosmopolitan Club would be formed in the old Jardine house on his East Point property, with the purpose of bringing Chinese and foreigners together for social intercourse, it is of interest to note the sentiments expressed by the President, Mr. R. C. Lee, in proposing the toast of "Our Guests." He stated that it had always been the earnest desire of the Chinese student in England to promote cordial and sincere friendship with the British people and also to strengthen the friendship between China and her neighbours. He thought there was a Club for Chinese, British and American business men in Shanghai, which sort of institution would do much to promote that mutual understanding they so much desired. To a certain extent the Chinese students in England had achieved this. He then referred to the privilege they appreciate so much of attending the Universities in England, and thanked the several distinguished guests for attending the dinner.

In view of these sentiments, it is interesting to note Mr. Lee Hysan's interest in the same excellent object, and his friends hope that he will not be deflected from his purpose of founding a club by any opposition such as is the usual lot of pioneers in any new project.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Christian Science.

Sir,—After reading Mr. Bernard's letter in your issue of the 12th inst., I feel compelled to voice an opinion on the Christian Science or Faith Healing Cult, which apparently has an official organisation in Hongkong. That the Manila Board of Medical Examiners should rule that the practice of Christian Science is illegal, is only natural, perhaps, and one might be forgiven for inferring that an ulterior motive actuated such a professional body, but even if such motive exists, humanity will be well served by the exposure of a creed which has frequently been condemned in corners' courts world-wide.

I speak after the poignant experience of having lost a very dear relative as a result of her refusal to seek medical advice in obedience to the teaching and leading of a group of so-called "Faith Healers" with whom she had the misfortune to come into contact. When it was too late, and I was assured on the highest authority that surgical science could have effected a cure, I was preying on a beautiful nature and implicit faith had brought about an untimely demise.

While I believe that a lot can be accomplished by the concentration of mind over matter, my heart goes out to those poor misguided and deluded beings who fall victims to a crazy crusade which repudiates medical and surgical science. Undoubtedly many lives have been sacrificed as a result, against which, Faith Healers and others of that ilk, instance the reform of a few hypochondriacs as definite miracles of the healing of specific bodily ailments.

Faith, when stricken by illness is of great assistance, provided that it is faith placed in the proven power of scientific surgical and medical research. Other than that, any attempt to further the fanatical pleadings of the Christian Scientists, should be widely exposed.

Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.
W.T.R.
Hongkong, Dec. 12th, 1925.

TRIALS OF TYNESIDE-BUILT VESSEL.

The Tyne is intimately associated with marine history, and down its winding course from Newcastle to the sea have passed many vessels which have come to be regarded as marking an epoch in the development of shipbuilding and marine engineering. It is very probable that the trials of the twin-screw motor-ship Gripsholm, which were run recently, may prove to be another of these milestones. Owned by the Swedish-American Line, of Gothenburg, the Gripsholm is the largest vessel flying a Scandinavian flag and the largest Diesel-engined vessel afloat. She is of particular interest in many respects having an overall length of 574½ feet, breadth 74 feet, with a displacement of 23,500 tons and a net tonnage of 17,000.

It is in regard to the engines that most interest has been aroused, for these are of the double-acting four-cylinder type and were manufactured by Burmeister and Wain, of Copenhagen—the firm which are providing the engines for the Furness, Withy motor-ships building in Germany. An experimental engine of the same type has been running at Copenhagen for some time, and those installed in the Gripsholm are identical, being of 13,500 shaft horse power. After tests at Copenhagen the engines were dismantled, shipped to the Tyne, and re-erected in the Gripsholm. The trials were the first occasion this type of engine had been to sea, and it speaks well for the faith of the builders and owners. They are the largest engines yet fitted to any motor-ship and are in one compartment leaving ample room for luxurious accommodation for the 2,000 passengers she will be able to carry.

Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., Newcastle, were the builders of the hull and were responsible for the equipment of the vessel, which is a fine example of Tyne-side skill and efficiency. The Gripsholm's performance on the Gothenburg-New York route will be watched with great interest, for upon it the future development of this type of marine Diesel engine to a large extent depends.

It is interesting to note that the vessel running at 17 knots consumes about 60 tons of oil per day, whereas in a steamship of similar size the daily fuel consumption, according to Sir Arthur Sutherland, would be 250 tons of coal.

HEAVY SHOES.

DANGEROUS WASTE OF ENERGY.

The modern man continues to drag tons of extra leather about during the hot months of the year, in spite of the evolution in men's clothing for summer wear, said Mr. J. Harry Selz, president of the Selz, Schwab Shoe Company, in addressing a footwear style congress in America recently.

"In the past two decades, men have learned to adapt their hats and underwear, hose and shirts and clothing generally, to warm weather conditions," said Mr. Selz. "Shoes are the last stand of the barbarous custom of the 'same weight all-year-round.' Figures on the subject are impressive.

"Take an average 'brogue,' with heavy sole and welt, built to withstand the rain, slush and snow of Autumn and Winter. A pair weighs approximately two and one-quarter pounds. A pair of Summer-weight shoes weighs one and one-half pounds, a difference of three-quarters of a pound. At the U. S. Army marching stride of sixty inches, a man in brogues carries almost half a ton of superfluous leather every mile he walks. The average man walks at least four miles every day. Thus his energies are called upon to drag nearly two tons per day about which he might easily avoid."

Many of the foot ailments of men to-day are attributed by Mr. Selz to wearing of too heavy shoes during hot weather and not keeping the feet cool. Perspiration gives rise to blisters, corns and other troubles. The lighter and more pliant leathers give not only greater comfort, but are more in keeping with smart summer fashions, palm beaches, straw hats and other summer togs, he insists.

For anchoring in the Southern Railway, and thereby causing an obstruction, the master of a junk was fined \$15 at the Marine Court before Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole to-day.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ITALY'S INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

Rome, December 12.
In the Chamber debate on the Government bill regarding the legal control of trade unions, Sig. Mussolini proposed an amendment, providing compulsory arbitration in all industrial disputes. He declared that he considered the Italian nation to be in a permanent state of war, and the next five years or ten years will be decisive for the Italian people. "International struggles would certainly break out in future, and Italians must be ready for production concerned. Production found its best defence in a law preventing labour conflicts.—Reuter.

THE FRENCH NAVY AND ARMY.

Paris, December 12.
During the Chamber debate on the estimates for the Navy and Army, several speakers of different parties, who were unanimously applauded, emphasised that France was spending much less on construction of new warships than certain countries who were preaching disarmament, such as the United States, and France could not consider unilateral disarmament. The Naval Estimates were adopted after a speech by the ex-Premier, M. Leygues, in favour of the retention of submarines.—Reuter.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Paris, December 12.
A fire has destroyed a valuable collection of antiques and also the celebrated Colbert Library in the famous Chateau St. Jean du Maillet, belonging to Count Colbert. The damage is estimated at ten million francs.—Reuter.

RECOGNISING RUSSIA.

Belgrade, December 12.
It is announced that M. Baloghitch, the Jugo Slav Minister in Berlin, has been instructed to establish provisional relations with Russia.—Reuter.

THE HAYLEY MORRIS TRIAL.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C., representing the woman defendant, applied at the Sussex Assizes for a postponement to next Assizes for the trial of Hayley Morris and his wife, which was fixed for Monday. Counsel said that the woman was seriously ill. After much legal argument, Mr. Justice Avory granted the application.
Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., who is representing the Crown, asked for the appointment of an independent medical witness to examine Mrs. Morris, who is in a nursing home in London. Mr. St. John Hatchinson unsuccessfully applied for Hayley Morris to remain on bail, saying his presence was necessary for the medical examination of the woman. The Judge ordered him to remain in custody, saying he would consider on Monday whether Hayley Morris should be tried alone if the woman was unfit to attend.—Reuter.

FRANCE AND TURKEY.

Paris, December 12.
M. Briand has received Fethi Bey, the ambassador for Turkey, in Paris. According to the newspapers the conversations are likely to be extended to Mosul, it being stated that M. Briand would surely have showed Fethi Bey the advantages Turkey would get by a more conciliatory attitude and renewed moderation, advices which M. Sarraut, the French Ambassador, already gave at Angora.—Reuter.